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Angry arts establishment told of new Downing Street strategy

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, PHILIP WEBSTER AND DALYA ALBERGE. A NEW arts strategy is to be developed after mounting criticism that the Government has betrayed many of Britain's cultural interests. The Prime Minister, stung by charges that he is more interested in rock music and films than opera, classical music and the fine arts.



Some of the Nation of Islam militants who disrupted the Stephen Lawrence hearing yesterday. When they reached the inquiry room, one of the intruders shouted: "You are disrespecting black people"

Militants halt Lawrence inquiry

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND LIN JENKINS. POLICE officers used batons and CS gas yesterday in a vain attempt to prevent a group of black militants from disrupting the most emotionally charged day of the inquiry into the death five years ago of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence. A dozen members of the Nation of Islam movement, identically dressed in dark suits, white shirts and red bow-ties, broke through two police and security cordons at the entrance to the office building at Elephant and Castle, South London, where the hearing is being held.

Henman wins on points and looks

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND PETER FOSTER. TIM HENMAN reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals for the third successive year yesterday, but his victory over Pat Rafter, the Australian world "the sexiest man in tennis", still dismayed thousands of teenage tennis fans. The clash between the clean-cut English-schoolboy good looks of Henman and the rough-hewn Australian from the Outback left female fans torn between the two.

Ulster violence after march ban

Masked youths threw petrol bombs and stones at security forces in Lurgan, Co Armagh, after next Sunday's Orange Order Drumcree Parade was banned from the nationalist Garvaghy Road in Portadown. Page 8

World Cup dents housing market

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND ANNE ASHWORTH. THE housing market is slowing as interest rates rise and fewer people take out mortgages. The number of property transactions in May totalled just 108,000, the lowest figure in nearly three years. The June Nationwide Building Society house price survey showed prices up by 0.8 per cent compared with 1.0 per cent in May. The annual increase to June was 11 per cent.

Dutch lie in wait after late winner

ENGLAND face a World Cup quarter-final against Holland if they beat Argentina in St-Etienne tonight. The Dutch overcame Yugoslavia 2-1 in Toulouse last night with an injury-time winner from Edgar Davids. Glenn Hoddle is expected to name an unchanged England team.

Appeal by Clinton for free China

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN SHANGHAI. PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday seized triumph from a state visit that was heading for diplomatic disaster, finding for the first time in China an audience for the charm and popular touch which has driven his political rise at home.

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# There's no place like Dome for the level-headed minister

PETER MANDELSON poised to break free from his cursed Dome? Few yesterday knew if this was the last time the Minister Without Portfolio would have to defend the Millennium Experience at the Commons dispatch box. His next appearance is due (in a month's time) in the week when the Prime Minister's long-awaited Cabinet reshuffle is likely. Most expect Mr Mandelson to be promoted to a Cabinet post.

So the ten minutes from 3.10pm yesterday could prove

a collector's item. "I was there," sketchwriters may tell their grandchildren, "when Lord Mandelson kissed his Dome goodbye." He would hear not a word against it, inviting Tories and their families to visit, and advertising, poker-faced, "the place for private prayer" that will be found within the Spirit Zone.

Tim Loughton (C. Worthing E & Shoreham) called it the Spirit Level. Mandelson corrected him: "the Spirit Zone", he said. Perhaps the minister had thought better of

the little joke implicit in the original name. Mr Loughton had a serious point: that there would be "not a crucifix in sight".

At the word "crucifix" Mandelson blanched. Luckily nobody mentioned garlic or, with a splash of holy water, he might have been routed. There is something unsettling about Mandelson outlining matters spiritual. Deadpan, he promised to "ensure the Spirit Zone reflects the spiritual values identified by the Lambeth group". He speaks



of spiritual values as an alien space-captain might speak of love: a non-rational experience to which Earthlings are prey; something to be factored into calculations of human behaviour but to which the alien intelligence is not itself susceptible.

Mandelson did not explain what the Lambeth group was, but it sounded like a sort of religious focus-group, containing human samples of a representative cross-section of what the Millennium Experience Company might call the World of Faith: two Manichaeans, one Sun-worshipper, three Muslims (including a fundamentalist), nine Christians (assorted denomina-

tions), two Devil-worshippers, 15 agnostics, a Zen Buddhist, and a Jew. Their responses to value-ranking multiple-choice tests are then fed into a computer — and the nation's spiritual preferences mapped so they can be "reflected in the Zone".

It was all so bloodless. Should Mandelson be moved, could he be replaced by Tony Banks, the all-too-flesh-and-blood minister who shelters alongside him beneath the broad tent which is New Labour? Banks yesterday told

an MP "Yes, it is a bummer" when the National Lottery fails to provide cash for good causes in one's own constituency. The earnest Helen Jones (Lab, Warrington N) looked shocked to have her painstaking inquiry summarised thus.

"I'm not Tone the Tont, y'know," the Sports Minister giggled at Michael Fabricant (C, Lichfield), who had complained about allocations of World Cup tickets to English fans. Memo to the Prime Minister: "Give Tony Banks the Millennium Experience

in the coming reshuffle. Make it Tone the Dome." That is Plan A. Plan B depends upon Mr Blair being of a cruel disposition. Why not move Mandelson into the Cabinet, but make him take his Dome along? Create a new post: Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Greenwich, or President of the Board of Trade and Millennium Experience. See to it that, like some weary political turtle, Mr Mandelson has to creep into the next century carrying his Dome on his back with him.

## New probation service will get image makeover

ELEVEN new names have been suggested for the Probation Service as part of government proposals to restructure it and the prison system.

The names emphasise the Government's determination that the revamped service should focus on public protection and control of offenders, rather than its old task of "befriending" criminals. The restructuring of the service, which has 15,000 staff, is expected to save millions.

The names suggested by Home Office officials are the offender control service, the offender risk and control service, the offender supervision service, the offender risk management service, the public safety and offender management service, the criminal justice enforcement service, the community correction and protection service, the justice enforcement and public protection service, the community sentence enforcement service, the community protection and justice service and the public protection service.

One source in the Probation Service said yesterday: "Only civil servants could have come up with such snappy titles. Some sound truly Orwellian."

A new name is one of a series of radical recommendations emerging from a Home Office review of the Prison and Probation Services that would transform the penal system in England and Wales. The review, set up within months of Labour coming to power, is scheduled to be published next

Civil servants come up with snappy choice of 11 Orwellian names, writes Richard Ford

month. It has rejected merging the Prison and Probation services into a national corrections agency. Instead, it will put forward two proposals that would involve redundancies among chief probation officers and the abolition of the existing 54 probation areas.

One suggests a regionally managed system based on the current ten regions — the North East, Yorkshire and Humber, the North West, East Midlands, West Midlands, Eastern, South West, South East, Greater London and Wales.

The Prison Service, too, would be run on a regional basis, with ten instead of the current 13 regions, although the five top-security jails would be under national control. The Home Office document estimates that this option could save £20.5 million a year after one-off costs of £9 million for restructuring.

The second option is for the Probation Service to be a national agency, centrally con-

trolled in the same way as the Prison Service, and divided into ten regions. It is estimated that this would produce annual savings of £21.2 million after costs of £9 million for restructuring.

The review does not back a minor restructuring plan that would cut the number of probation services from 54 to 43, matching the boundaries of police forces in England and Wales.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has told the service that he is concerned about its image and the names used for community-based punishments. He wants its terminology changed to make it clearer to the public that offenders are being punished.

Legislation would be needed for the restructuring and to consign the words Probation Service to the history books. The first probation officer was a retired sergeant from the Brigade of Guards who, in 1876, was appointed Police Court Missionary for London. The 1947 Criminal Justice Act gave probation officers the responsibility to "advise, assist and befriend" offenders.

George Barrow, spokesman for the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said that the term "befriending offenders" had not been used since the mid-1980s. "Our work is now much more about protecting the public and dealing with offending behaviour. I think we are certain to have a change in the culture of the service, led by changes in the language we use."



Fionn Hague at the awards ceremony at the Globe at which the arts world paid tribute to businesses which invest £100 million in sponsorship each year. Market leader, page 31

## New strategy for the arts

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that chat shows are as important as novels; that television soap operas are more valuable than live theatre.

Sir Peter Hall, the theatre director, has spoken out against the minimising of arts teaching in primary schools by taking music, art and drama off the priority list of subjects.

Nicholas Snowman, Glyndebourne's newly ap-

pointed general director, said the arts in general, not just Covent Garden, were in desperate need of a "far bigger subsidy".

It comes down to "do we value the arts or not?", he said, pointing out that the French cultural budget amounted to about 1 per cent of their economy. "That is hugely more than we put in. Either the arts are important or they're not," he added.

John Prescott is to mount a cultural crusade to turn airports, bus and rail stations into Britain's busiest art galleries (Arthur Leathley writes).

The Deputy Prime Minister is dismayed at the dismal appearance of many public areas. He said: "I don't just want to get people from A to B. I want them to be interested in things at stations and on trains and at airports. Then art is part of life."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Labour rebels protest at selection process

Two Scottish Labour MPs lodged appeals against their exclusion from the party's list of potential candidates for the Scottish parliament. Despite their experience at Westminster, Dennis Canavan, Falkirk West MP, and Ian Davidson, MP for Glasgow Pollock, were both rejected as would-be candidates by the party's selection panel. Labour published a list of 167 potential candidates a fortnight ago after interviewing 326 hopefuls.

Mr Canavan and Mr Davidson used yesterday's appeal deadline to attack the selection process for next year's election, claiming it involved a "partial ideological call". The pair said they could see no logic in their failure to be selected. However, one possible explanation was that they were "ideologically unsuitable". Mr Canavan has voted against the Government in the past. But Alex Rowley, Scottish general secretary, denied that the party was setting old scores. He insisted the selection process had been fair.

#### Single lions on her flag

A new Scottish version of the Royal Standard flew above the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh as the Queen arrived for her annual stay. Buckingham Palace said that it symbolised the reinforcing of historical links between the sovereign and Scotland. The Royal Standard flies wherever the Queen is present. In the new Scottish version, the English quarterings of three lions passant are replaced by Scotland's single lions rampant. The flag will fly when she is in residence at Holyroodhouse or Balmoral.

#### Hopes over Alzheimer's

Hopes of a treatment for Alzheimer's disease have been raised by experiments in which rats were protected against a feature of the disease, sheets of abnormally folded protein in the brain. Researchers from New York University School of Medicine have shown that these so-called "plaques", which consist of amyloid protein, can be prevented by injecting a tiny peptide into the brain. The same material may also be effective against "mad cow" disease and CJD, say the team, whose work appears in *Nature Medicine*.

#### Submarine missile tests

The first Royal Navy submarine to be equipped with American cruise missiles is preparing for its first test later this year, Ministry of Defence officials said. The nuclear-powered "hunter-killer" submarine HMS *Splendid*, which has been equipped to carry Tomahawk land-attack missiles, will go to the United States for the tests at a firing range off the Californian coast. The decision to buy Tomahawks from the Americans was made by the previous Conservative Government after their use in the Gulf War.

#### Black rights lawyer dies

Rudi Narayan, one of the most controversial characters in the legal profession, has died in hospital aged 60. The founder of the Society of Black Lawyers, who was born in Guyana, came to prominence during the Brixton riots in 1981 and for the next ten years was a thorn in the side of the legal establishment. He once tried to sue the Lord Chancellor and three judges for racial prejudice. He was brought before the Bar's disciplinary tribunal on several occasions, finally being disbarred in 1994. Obituary, page 23

#### New job for Mackay

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former Lord Chancellor, has found a new part-time job in retirement. He is to be editor-in-chief of *Halsbury's Laws of England*, the lawyers' bible. Lord Mackay succeeds Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, who has done the job for a record 25 years. The appointment of Lord Mackay comes as *Halsbury's Laws* has been put on the Internet. All editors-in-chief of *Halsbury's Laws*, which was first published in 1907, have been past or sitting Lord Chancellors.

#### Gay harassment claim

A man of 23 took his former employer to an industrial tribunal, claiming sexual harassment by another man. The complainant said that he had attempted suicide and was forced to abandon his career because of the harassment by a senior male colleague. His lawyer, David McKie, alleges that his client was treated less favourably by his employers than a woman would have been. The parties involved in the tribunal in Glasgow cannot be named. The hearing is expected to last seven days.

#### Hamster's friction burns

A house fire that caused almost £400 in damage has been blamed on a hamster trundling its treadmill so fast that the friction caused sparks that set fire to bedding in its cage. The explanation has been accepted by loss adjusters investigating the fire at the home of Steve Lewis, a chef, and his wife, Dawn, in Clayton, Newcastle-under-Lyme. When the smoke alarm went off, Mr Lewis found the hamster's cage, lounge curtains and carpets ablaze. He rescued the pet, which escaped with singed ears and whiskers.

## Prescott accused on homes ruling

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT was accused in the High Court yesterday of "unlawfully and irrationally" demanding an extra 12,800 houses inside a county's boundaries.

The accusation by West Sussex County Council that the demand is procedurally flawed is the latest development in a nationwide row over plans for millions of new homes in the countryside over the next 20 years. The county is seeking a judicial review of a decision by the Deputy Prime Minister last December requiring it to modify its plans to meet the extra allocation.

Gerald Moriarty, QC, for West Sussex, said that the row with Mr Prescott was not over the merits as to how many houses should be put up: "The problem arises in relation to the national and regional guidance which the Secretary of State has issued in the context of the duty of the authority in the statute and regulations to have regard to that guidance."

The council had been bound by planning guidance, although it had gone through lengthy procedures in arriving at its housing provision of 40,000 homes. The former Environment Secretary, John Gummer, has submitted an affidavit supporting the council's application. He said that West Sussex County Council had rigorously followed the procedures and that its decision had all-party support on the council.

Mr Gummer said that Mr Prescott, in overturning the views of the council and an inspector, had not "produced the kind of reasons that would be reasonable — he has not produced any reasons for taking a different view".

Mr Gummer said a Secretary of State had powers to overturn planning decisions, but one of the cardinal planning rules was that clear reasons had to be given for this. "You cannot just overturn a decision by saying the inspector has taken leave of his senses. They have to be on reasonable and well argued ground," Mr Gummer said.

The Government is concerned that if West Sussex refuses to abide by regional planning allocations for homes, other neighbouring counties may be forced to build more. But Mr Moriarty said that counties near to West Sussex had attended a public examination and had been unable to find grounds to support the Government's concern. The hearing continues.

## Gay vote helps teen smokers

By PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Government has ditched plans to raise the age limit for buying cigarettes from 16 to 18. The move, considered by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and Tessa Jowell, Health Minister, has been rejected as impracticable and inconsistent with the recent vote to lower the age of consent for homosexual men from 18 to 16.

Ministers are finalising plans for a White Paper on anti-smoking measures for the autumn. They include possible stringent measures to deter shops from persistently selling to under-age buyers, or identity cards for buying alcohol and tobacco to ensure that the law is enforced.

But after this month's Commons vote on lowering the age of consent for homosexual men, ministers accept that the Government would face strong criticism for inconsistency if it prevented 16 and 17-year-olds buying cigarettes.

"You can imagine the ridicule we would get in the leader columns for that one," a senior ministerial source said.

## Robinson faces pressure to explain Maxwell links

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE intensified yesterday on Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, to go before the Commons standards committee for the first time to explain his complex business connections with the late Robert Maxwell.

The moves came as the Tories called on Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner, to widen his investigation into the disclosure that Mr Robinson, who has £12.5 million in an offshore trust, was paid £1 million in cash by Mr Maxwell.

The transaction came only months after Mr Robinson received £50,000 as director of another of Mr Maxwell's companies. The payments were made months before the collapse of the Maxwell business empire.

None of Mr Robinson's business links to Mr Maxwell, which date back to 1990, were declared in the Commons register of MPs' interests.

The Standards and Privileges Committee meets next Tuesday amid growing calls for Mr Robinson to be cross-examined. If the committee follows the same practice as in the last Parliament, he would be questioned on oath, in view of the television cameras.

A source close to the committee said last night: "The Robinson case is being taken very seriously indeed. There is no party political split. The question of him being called is becoming an issue."

It had been widely expected that the committee would rule on whether the minister was in breach of Parliament's rules but it is now expected a decision will be delayed to consider the latest complaints.

The last minister to appear before the committee was David Willetts, also Paymaster General. He resigned from the last Government after his appearance before the committee when he was accused of "dissembling".

Friends of Mr Robinson have argued that the complaints date back to a period when the rules on disclosure of directorships and payments were much more vague. But that view has cut little ice with some MPs.

Neil Hamilton, who lost his seat in Tatton to Martin Bell because of the cash-for-questions controversy, was censured by the same committee for failing to declare payments in the late 1980s. "The timing is the same," said the source.

The Tories yesterday stepped up their attacks on Mr Robinson, one of Gordon

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# Inquiry hears from Lawrence prime suspects

By ALAN HAMILTON AND LIN JENKINS

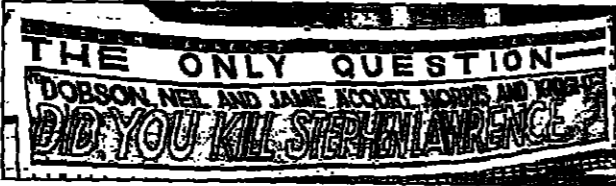
NEVILLE and Doreen Lawrence had waited five years for yesterday. Across a crowded room in an anonymous South London office block, they heard for the first time three of the prime suspects in the murder of their 18-year-old son answer questions in public about the night the black teenager died.

In a room crowded with expensive lawyers and a retired judge presiding from a raised dais at one end, it was at times difficult to remember that this was not a court of law. It was a public inquiry.

Inquiry or no, the chairman, Sir William Macpherson, took a stern judicial view, warning the three that they could face prosecution for perjury despite immunity from any evidence they gave to the inquiry being used in a subsequent criminal prosecution.

The three, and two others who are still to give evidence, have all at various times been charged with Stephen Lawrence's murder, but none has been found guilty. Questions of innocence or guilt are barred from the inquiry, after a ruling in the divisional court two weeks ago by Lord Justice Simon Brown.

The first of the young men,



A Lawrence family campaign banner outside the inquiry

Jamie Acourt, 21, was led to the witness box, passing on his way within inches of the victim's parents sitting with their legal team. Mr Acourt, dressed in dark suit and open-necked shirt, took the oath and said he was willing to cooperate with the inquiry.

He repeatedly denied being a racist. Evidence contained in a police covert surveillance video in 1994 showed his friends using racist language and expressing violent racist sentiments. However, he denied that he held such views.

Sir William intervened to remind him that he was on oath. The tape he said showed "the most terrible racism" and Sir William added: "I am warning that you have immunity in connection with matters investigated in the past, but, if you commit perjury, you may be prosecuted."

Michael Mansfield, QC, counsel to the Lawrence family, cross-examined Mr Acourt and described how, on the tape, Luke Knight referred to

the Cameroon football team as "fucking niggers". Neil Acourt, complaining at the television commentator's pro-Cameroon stance adds: "It makes you sick." And then: "Every nigger should be chopped up, mate, and left with fucking stumps."

Asked if he was shocked at that, Jamie Acourt replied: "I'm not shocked. It's nothing to do with me."

He was asked about another incident, where David Norris talked of "torching, abusing and setting alight" a black person and added: "I would blow their two arms and legs off and say, 'You can swim home.'" Mr Acourt denied that he shared those views. He also said that he never carried knives in public.

However, it was put to him that, in January 1993, he was stopped in a car and was found to be in possession of a knife and, on another occasion, in 1994, he was found by police to be in possession of a knife. He claimed yesterday



Neil Acourt, in sunglasses, with Luke Knight beside him, is followed by Gary Dobson and Jamie Acourt as they leave the inquiry yesterday

that it had been for self-protection.

Mr Mansfield asked: "Why do people keep picking on you?" Mr Acourt: "I have no idea."

His brother, Neil, 22, was asked about his behaviour on the surveillance video and his derogatory remarks about black people. He said that he did use the words "niggers" and "Pakis" and questioned

whether they were derogatory expressions. He said "Paki" meant that the person was a Pakistani or Indian in the same way that he would describe his questioner as white.

He was further questioned about scenes on the video where he is seen waving knives around, stabbing furniture and launching a mock attack on a friend. "It was just

stupidness, anger — anger at what I had been going through over the last year or two at the time you are talking about."

He said that he waved knives around out of "boredom" and was simply pretending to stab people.

Asked by Mr Mansfield about a further reference to Enoch Powell which talked about "fucking niggers, they

would ruin the gaff," he said it was a joke. "When you are young you say things you don't mean."

David Norris, 21, said in his evidence that he, too, had been motivated by anger at the time that the surveillance tape was recorded. "I was very angry with what had been happening to me over the last five years."

whether a remark that "the coons got knackered up" reflected his feelings on Mr Lawrence's death, he replied: "No. I was very angry and I was young. I was using my anger in the wrong way."

All three smirked at times giving their evidence and on other occasions appeared to be uncomfortable, taking frequent sips of water. The hearing continues.

## Colourful bow-ties hide strong views on black and white



Louis Farrakhan was banned from Britain

By STEPHEN FARRELL AND MARIA ALVAREZ

THE Nation of Islam is led by Louis Farrakhan, the controversial American black separatist who organised the Million Man March to the US Congress in 1995.

It has about 10,000 members in the US and 120 mosques. Followers, in their distinctive dark suits and red bow-ties with white crescent and star, preach family values and self-discipline and denounce the evils of sex and violence.

Critics accuse Mr Farrakhan, 66, of being anti-white, anti-Semitic and homophobic, pointing to speeches in

which he has called Hitler "a very great man". Another claim he has made in his drive to become the leader of black America is that white people were created by a mad scientist 6,000 years ago to test the superior black race.

The British arm of the Nation of Islam was set up in 1986 by nine friends who saw Mr Farrakhan on television, travelled to his Chicago headquarters and established a mosque in Brixton. Mr Farrakhan was banned from Britain later that year when he flew in to address the Hackney Black People's Association in East London.

Douglas Hurd, the Home Secre-

tary, imposed an exclusion order declaring that in the aftermath of race riots in Tottenham, Handsworth, Toxteth and Brixton, "his presence in the UK would not be conducive to the public good and he is likely to cause racial disharmony". Mr Farrakhan, his wife Betsy and eight personal guards were ordered out of Heathrow.

In 1994 Mr Farrakhan was banned from making a live satellite broadcast to a rally in Wembley. The Home Office last night confirmed that the exclusion order was, under ministerial review.

Mr Farrakhan, a former Episcopalian altar boy and \$500 a night

calypso singer, was drawn to the self-help teachings of early black back-to-Africa nationalists such as Marcus Garvey. He was converted to the Nation of Islam in 1953 by its early leader, Elijah Muhammad, whose other followers included Malcolm X.

The two disciples fell out in 1964 when Malcolm X rejected the movement's racist ethos and Mr Farrakhan denounced him as "worthy of death". The next year Malcolm X was murdered, and his daughter has since accused Mr Farrakhan of involvement in the killing.

Mr Farrakhan assumed leader-

ship of the movement in 1978. In recent years he has sometimes distanced himself from extreme demands, such as for a separate black nation in America paid for by reparation for slavery.

He has links with Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan head of state, who last year attempted to donate \$1 billion (\$625 million) to Mr Farrakhan. The donation was blocked by the US Government because of sanctions against Tripoli.

Mr Farrakhan has been accused of misogyny by feminists, who claim that he reduces the role of women to stay-at-home mothers. The black suits and bow ties are a

uniform paying homage to the Nation's founder in the 1930s, Fard Muhammad, who is reputed to have been a door-to-door silk salesman in Detroit.

The London-based group split after an internal row in the early 1990s. One wing was led by Leo Muhammad, a Jamaican-born comedian, chosen by Mr Farrakhan as his representative in Britain and the figure at the centre of the Lawrence protest.

It is secretive about membership and funds, but one Muslim expert said it privately admitted to having 300 to 400 members from a total UK Muslim population of 1.5 million.

## Foster father's 'relationship led to murder'

By A CORRESPONDENT

THE jury at the Billie-Jo Jenkins murder trial was told yesterday it had "no alternative" but to do her justice and find her foster father, Sion Jenkins, guilty of killing her.

In his closing speech to the jury at Lewes Crown Court, Camden Pratt, QC, for the prosecution, said the foster father's motive for murder lay in the "complex relationship" he had with the 13-year-old. Mr Jenkins, 40, denies murdering Billie-Jo with a metal tent spike as she painted the patio doors of the family home in Hastings, on February 15 last year.

Mr Pratt told the jury: "I said when I opened this case that the motive of the defendant for killing Billie-Jo would probably go to the grave with her. That may well be the case."

"But the roots of this case lie in that complex relationship. It is not a case where a motiveless crime makes sense. To suggest a motiveless passer-by arriving and suddenly deciding to commit a crime doesn't allow for common sense to prevail in this case."

Mr Pratt said Mr Jenkins, a deputy headmaster, might have lashed out after a frustrating day of chores and irritating journeys to pick up his four natural children from various activities. "Did he lose

control and strike Billie-Jo?" asked Mr Pratt.

He told the jury that forensic scientists had concluded that 158 microscopic blood spots found on clothing worn by Mr Jenkins could have been caused only by so-called "impact spatter" — by him being covered in a fine spray of blood as he repeatedly struck his foster daughter.

He highlighted Mr Jenkins' behaviour after his elder daughters, Annie and Lottie, discovered the body. Mr Jenkins had failed to check for a pulse, lied to a 999 operator about putting Billie-Jo in the recovery position and did nothing to assist her as he waited for an ambulance.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, for the defence, said the prosecution had produced "no motive" for Mr Jenkins to repeatedly bludgeoned Billie-Jo. He accused detectives of "going off on a tangent" and relying on "flawed evidence" to bring the case against his client.

He reminded the jury of how family friends had spoken of Mr Jenkins and his wife, Lois, being so concerned about prowlers in the area that they had decided to move house. Mr Scrivener said: "This is an area where there is a lot of criminal activity." The trial continues.

## Boy drowns in pool after castle birthday party

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A CHILDREN'S birthday party at the family seat of the Earl of Devon ended in tragedy when the estate manager's three-year-old son drowned in a swimming pool.

Charlotte Faulkner, the wife of the estate manager, Tim Faulkner, had briefly left the party at Powderham Castle to collect something from home. Their son, Ben, got out of the car and went to investigate the half-empty pool. Yesterday the earl, Lord Courtenay, was arranging for the swimming pool at the Faulkners' home in Mamhead, near Dawlish, to be filled in.

Mr Faulkner, 37, manager of Lord Courtenay's Powderham Castle estate for six years,



Ben Faulkner: smacked for opening gate to pool

said his son had been smacked on Friday, the day before his death, for opening the gate to the swimming pool by himself.

His father said: "I was at work at Powderham, we had a friend's birthday party in the secret garden. Ben had been there with my wife and his two sisters. They popped back home to pick up some things for the party."

"Ben was playing with his tractor. He disappeared for a few minutes while my two daughters were in the car. Charlotte came back and found Ben was missing."

Mr Faulkner, a former officer in the Household Cavalry, added: "She found his toy tractor abandoned at the rear of the house. I think she instinctively felt something bad had happened. She called me and told me that she was worried, and that she thought he might have got to the pool. I told her to look, and that's when she found him."

"Ben had been told it was dangerous to play in there. He loved water. He went for a swimming lesson only last week." The Faulkners have two daughters, Virginia, six, and Storm, eight, who was with her parents when they sailed across the Atlantic in a 27ft boat.

## Hunt masters reject cub-rearing claim

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AN INQUIRY by hunt masters claimed yesterday to have found no evidence of involvement by hunt staff in the rearing of fox cubs in captivity to provide quarry for hounds.

The announcement came after a special meeting of the Masters of Fox Hounds Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly, convened after animal welfare campaigners released video footage last week of two fox cubs trapped in a cage on land owned by the Sinnington Hunt in North Yorkshire.

The League Against Cruel Sports, which took the film in an undercover operation, alleged that the hunt planned

to use the cubs for hunting when the cubbing season begins in the autumn.

The association said it had "found no evidence of any involvement by any of the three masters or the terriermen in the capturing or ill-treatment of foxes". It said the inquiry, headed by its chairman, Sir Michael Richardson, had been adjourned until further details of the claims had been received.

It added: "Fox-hunting as a sport is the hunting of the fox in his wild and natural state with a pack of hounds. The capturing and rearing of foxes for hunting is completely unacceptable and the MFHA is determined to find out how

these foxes were captured and placed in a cage."

Ben Stewart, for the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "We are not at all surprised that the hunting fraternity are incapable of regulating themselves. We proved that the hunt farms foxes for the kill. They have not acted on that evidence. The Government should outlaw the cruel and barbaric sport of hunting."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which is caring for the two cubs, said it was continuing its investigations and would consider prosecuting if there was sufficient evidence.

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# Cookson's husband dies 'of broken heart'

Robin Young on the widower who once said that life without his author wife would be no life at all

TOM COOKSON, widower of Britain's most read author, Dame Catherine Cookson, has died, less than three weeks after his wife.

Mr Cookson, who was 87, died on Sunday of heart failure after a short illness, having been admitted on June 23 to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne. Dame Catherine, who was 91, died peacefully at her home in Jesmond, Newcastle, on June 11, with Mr Cookson holding her hand. He fell ill soon after her private funeral.

A friend of the couple said yesterday that Mr Cookson had died of a broken heart. Maureen Cozens said: "It was no surprise at all. It's exactly what everyone who knew them well expected to happen. Sad as it is, I wouldn't wish it any other way. He wanted to be with her and now he is. They lived for each other."

Mrs Cozens, who comforted Mr Cookson after his wife's death, added: "He had nothing left to live for. She was his reason for living, right from the time they met."

Mr Cookson had been in poor health for the past ten years, having suffered several heart attacks. He had retired from teaching in 1970 and rarely spoke of his life with his beloved "Kitty", but when asked what life would be like without her, he answered: "Life without Kitty would be no life at all."

He always refused to dis-

cuss his early life, preferring to say: "My life only began when I met her. Everything stems from that."

They met in the late 1930s at her house in Hastings, East Sussex, where she took in lodgers. Mr Cookson, an Oxford-educated mathematics teacher who had come to teach at Hastings Grammar School, was looking for a room to rent.

Her first words to him were: "Do you fence?" He did

North East 20 years ago. In the meantime, he had set her on a writing career that served to rescue her from a mental breakdown, suicide attempts and a 15-year depression brought on by the loss of her babies.

For a few years, the couple occupied an elegant house near Hexham, Northumberland, but Dame Catherine's illness dictated that she needed to be nearer the infirmary in Newcastle, where she spent much time being treated for the blood disorder that dogged her life.

In recent years, Mr Cookson had nursed his wife through five heart attacks, a major operation, pneumonia, vascular disease and anaemia, and constantly attended her while she was frail, bed-ridden and practically blind.

Dame Catherine's books, reflecting the harshness of her upbringing as an illegitimate child in the industrial North East, have sold millions of copies throughout the world and she is by far the most borrowed author in British libraries. Thirteen of her books have been made into television films and more are in the pipeline.

The couple always lived modestly. In 1990 they auctioned many of Dame Catherine's personal effects to give the proceeds to charity and last year she made a gift to St Hilda's College, Oxford, the last all-women college in the

university. The exact amount of the Cookson estate is unknown, but must run into several millions.

There are no known close relatives and it is thought that, when the wills are published, much of Dame Catherine's earnings will have been left to charity.

The Mayor of South Tyneside, the area where Dame Catherine set her books, paid tribute to Mr Cookson yesterday. Barrie Scorer said: "I am greatly saddened. Mr Cookson won devoted husband, who cared for Dame Catherine during her many years of ill health. Throughout their long married life, he gave unstinting support and encouragement to Dame Catherine. He was indeed the man behind the woman. His faith in her talent as an author was a source of constant inspiration."

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Dame Catherine and her husband, Tom, who died just three weeks after his wife. A friend said: "He wanted to be with her and now he is"

## Sikh accused of death plot

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Correspondent

A SIKH who claimed political asylum in Britain joined a terrorist plot to assassinate a high-ranking Indian policeman in London, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

But the plot to shoot Suredh Saini, deputy inspector-general of police in the Punjab, failed because the policeman returned to India before he could be attacked. In August last year, MI5 and Special Branch officers set up a 24-hour surveillance operation on Jagroop Bathi and found a sawn-off shotgun in the loft of his home in Hayes, West London.

Yesterday Bathi, 45, a shop assistant, pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to murder. He also denied possessing a shotgun. Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Bathi came to Britain in 1989. Although he was not a terrorist, he was certainly sympathetic to the aims of separatist groups such as Babbar Khalsa, which believes Indian policemen are genuine targets for attack. He was also a friend of Jasmir Ghuman, described as the prime mover in the plot.

Mr Laidlaw said that Mr Bathi told police that he had tried to dissuade Mr Ghuman from killing the policeman. Mr Ghuman obtained a gun but the next day the officer left Britain. Mr Ghuman gave the gun to Mr Bathi.

Mr Laidlaw told the jury that it must be clear that Mr Ghuman was the prime mover and they might wonder why he was not in the dock.

Mr Laidlaw said Mr Ghuman had been charged with conspiracy to murder, but the Crown Prosecution Service later decided there was insufficient evidence. The police operation did not start until after the plot had failed and no fingerprints were found on the gun. The trial continues.

## What's in the boot, then?

A MOTORIST who was stopped for a routine police check in Colchester, Essex, was found to be wearing wellington boots filled with baked beans in tomato sauce.

Officers warned him to choose more suitable footwear. A spokesman said: "We have no idea why he was doing it, but it is an offence not to be in proper control of a car. Wearing boots full of baked beans could cause the driver to be distracted and have an accident."

## CORRECTIONS

A list (June 9) of top legal aid QCs included the name of Stuart Stevens. He has asked us to point out that he is not, in fact, a silk.

The office of Chief Secretary to the Treasury was not created by Harold Wilson for Jack Diamond in 1964 (op-ed page article, June 18), but by Harold Macmillan for Henry Brooke in 1961.

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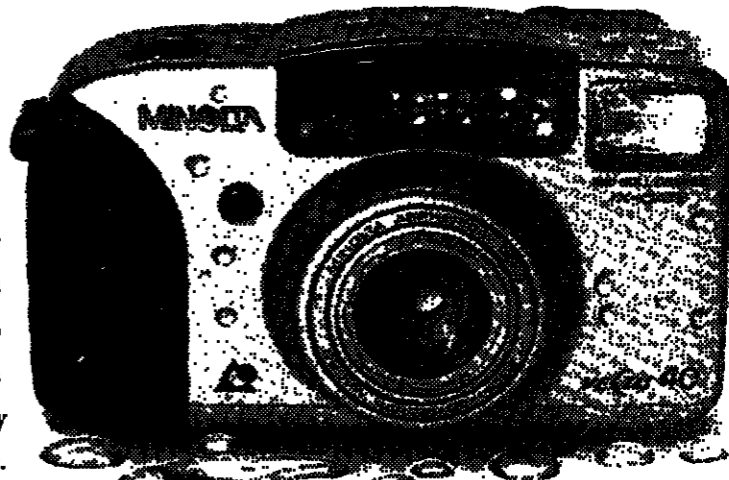
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# What war? We're here for football, say Argentinians

DON'T mention the war? I mentioned it once ... think I got away with it.

Ever since the goals of Darren Anderton and David Beckham against Colombia ensured that England would play Argentina in St-Etienne tonight, history has crowded in on this match. There is the footballing past — not least, Maradona's "hand of God" — and the political past — that business in the South Atlantic. The fear is that scores will be settled off the pitch.

But my reference to Las Malvinas yesterday was misguided not because it provoked furious animosity from Argentinians in St-Etienne but because their gentle reproach was shaming.

I had tried to keep off the subject. As I communicated with Flavia Lopez de Gustavo in hopeless Spanglais, the conversation staggered from the price of black market tickets (too high for her and her friends) to the flair of Boca Juniors when Maradona was there. She did most of the talking. Then I asked if she was worried if some people might be thinking about the history between the two countries.

"No!" she said immediately. "No! No! We are here for the

The atmosphere in St-Etienne has so far been friendly, writes **Damian Whitworth**

football. This is a football match." And the scolding look in her eye made you want to shuffle your feet with embarrassment for having brought the matter up. Her friends shook their heads. "None of us thinks about that," they said.

Of course, whatever anybody says, there will be an extra charge to today's match because of what has gone before; but as sunshine cheered up this drab town yesterday and Argentinians and English played football together around the fountains, it was possible to feel optimistic that the only revenge would be for that defeat in 1986 and that it would take place on the pitch.

Even before this tourna-

ment started there had been reports of approaching Argentinians bearing instruments of torture not seen on this Continent since the Spanish Inquisition. Then came rumours of South American razor-gangs planning to hunt down English hooligans. Back home, Argentinian thugs are certainly as bad, if not worse, than our worst baddies. But there was no sign of them yesterday.

And indeed there was not a squeak out of the England fans. There were only a few hundred of them knocking around in the city centre, suggesting that there will be fewer in town than expected. Of those who had arrived, many — more than in any venue England have played so far — carried cardboard signs reading "cherche billets". The black market was thriving.

But the only hides English fans were tanning were their own in the hot sun. One group, their football shirts off their backs and tucked into their shorts, were innocuously drinking Coke. By early evening the peace had not been shattered by a single "Ingerland". The only chanting was for Mexico, whose match with Germany was shown to a thin crowd on the big screen that will be off for today's game.

The screen is being shut down because it was feared that the square on which it is situated would make an ideal battleground, surrounded as it is by bars and restaurants. Le Bistro de Paris, the manager was certainly having problems with the English, but only because their credit cards were taking an age to go through the machine and, with many customers, he was suffering a backlog.

Word went round that the Ambiance Anglaise might be a good place to drink. Suspecting that this might be a lively spot similar to English bars and Irish pubs in other cities where England have played, *The Times* popped along. The owners turned out to be purveyors of fine English furniture.

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Navy lark: J.J. O'Hara putting up the bunting for Foxford's special World Cup fiesta

## Village cheers famous son

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

AN IRISHMAN'S away wins will be celebrated tonight when a village in Co Mayo throws a fiesta to show its support for Argentina against England.

Foxford, population 995, has covered its two streets, nine pubs and numerous lampposts in the Argentine blue and white, belatedly honouring William Brown, born locally in 1777, who became a hero of Argentina's war of independence.

J.J. O'Hara, a shopkeeper who visited Argentina in 1995, found that almost every town had a street or square named after "Guillermo" Brown.

Foxford had only a bronze bust by the bus stop. Mr O'Hara said: "Now we want to build a park in his memory. The match is another way of remembering him."

Brown is believed to have been the illegitimate son of an Irish official who, after serving in the Royal Navy, became a trader with his own small fleet in Argentina. In 1811 he broke a Spanish blockade of Buenos Aires. The Argentinians, fighting for independence from Spain, made him admiral of their first navy. He chased away the Spanish and independence was won in 1816.



Brown: he helped to win Argentine independence

# Cafe owners to sue Britain over hooligans

Moves to prevent trouble led to loss of earnings, writes Ben Macintyre

FRENCH cafe owners are planning to sue the British Government for loss of earnings because their opening hours were restricted to prevent English football hooligans running riot.

Cafe patrons in Marseilles, Toulouse and Lens, where England played first-round matches in the World Cup, claim they lost thousands of pounds when they were ordered to close at 11pm or made to shut completely as an anti-hooligan security measure.

Most French cafes are licensed to remain open into the early hours of the morning and the National Federation of the Hotel Industry — a union representing 80,000 cafe owners, hoteliers and restaurateurs — said that it intended to take legal action. "If our lawyers give us the go-ahead, we will sue England for damages with interest, which would be a good thing," André Daguin, president of the federation, said.

England fans in St-Etienne will be able to drink all day, but cafes have been ordered to close at 11pm. Although the decisions to restrict alcohol sales were made by local authorities in conjunction with the French police, the union said it held Britain responsible for the behaviour of English hooligans. The union also intends to sue the German Government over the behaviour of German hooligans in Lens.

Delphine Levantal, of the federation, said: "We are trying to evaluate the extent of the damages to compensate those who had to close down for security reasons and suffered property damage. We are not attacking the Queen of England. The *entente cordiale* has existed for a long time between our countries. This is just a matter of principle."

"We put a lot of effort into getting ready for the World Cup and many establishments were forced to close. There is a price to be paid for that."

Mme Levantal added that loss of wages would also have to be taken into account since

many cafe workers were paid a percentage of the takings.

Cafe owners in Marseilles, the scene of the worst violence by English fans, continued to serve alcohol to supporters throughout the night before the Tunisia match. Many of the city's bars and cafes closed early after the incidents. In Lens, by contrast, an alcohol ban before the game was cited by police as one of the reasons why violence was reduced.

M Daguin said that French bar and cafe owners were making healthy profits out of the World Cup but, while the members of his union "understood" the security need for early closing, they would still insist on compensation.

He also admitted that some cafe owners had taken advantage of the influx of fans to raise their prices. "We are saying to our members that the future should not be sacrificed to the present, and it would be good if prices remained the same before, during and after the World Cup."

The cost of policing England's huge army of fans is already more than £1 million, the French Government said yesterday (Adrian Lee writes).

Violence in Marseilles and the increase in security for matches in Toulouse and Lens means the pre-tournament budget of £10 million is certain to be exceeded. Security for England games ends up to six times as much as for other teams and police officers are on duty for twice as long — an average of three days.

The French Interior Ministry said that the cost of providing 1,800 police in Marseilles was £351,000. The cost for the match between France and South Africa at the same venue was £117,000.

An England fan was sentenced to four months in prison by a French court yesterday for throwing cans at police during a street battle in Marseilles.

Anthony Winston, 19, was picked up in Lens after British police recognised him as having taken part in the clashes that marred the Tunisia game on June 15.

### RECORD 28m SET TO TUNE IN

MORE people are expected to watch England's clash with Argentina than the record 26 million who tuned in to the Euro 96 semi-final (Carol Midgley writes).

The figure may rise to more than 28 million, beating all records for a sporting event.

ITV executives are hoping the combination of an evening fixture and the vivid memory of the last time the two countries met in a World Cup match — Mexico 86 — will ensure a massive audience. England were beaten after Diego Maradona punched the ball into the net during the quarter-final which Argentina

eventually won 2-1. Last Friday more than 22 million viewers saw England beat Colombia 2-0 on BBC1, according to official figures.

In 1996, 26.2 million people tuned in to see England lose to Germany on penalties. The match was broadcast on BBC and ITV. Millions of people will leave work early tonight to watch the match, leaving roads empty during traditional rush-hour periods.

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# Violence alert after Orange march ban

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

FRESH violence erupted in Northern Ireland yesterday, and Unionist leaders issued warnings of worse to come after the Orange Order's Drumcree Parade was banned from Portadown's nationalist Garvaghy Road next Sunday. Masked youths hurled stones and petrol bombs at security forces in Lurgan, Co Armagh, after Semtex and ammunition was seized from a house on the nationalist Kilwillyk estate. The trouble was not directly related to the Parades Commission's Drumcree ruling, but it inflamed an already explosive situation.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader who will be elected Northern Ireland's First Minister when his new assembly meets tomorrow, urged restraint but said that the ruling "plunges us into conflict" and would have a "potentially fatal impact on our hopes for peace".

Additional troops and police have been sent to Portadown and many residents are temporarily leaving the town. Downing Street and Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, appealed for compliance with the ruling. "Violence on the streets in Northern Ireland serves the interests of no one," said Dr Mowlam. Andrew Mackay, her Conservative Shadow, hoped that both communities would realise this was "a very tense situation that could destabilise all the progress that's been made".

Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, are to discuss the latest threat to the peace process this morning when they meet in Frankfurt for the launch of the European Central Bank. The

RUC is worried that the ruling gives loyalists five days to pour into Portadown in such numbers that it becomes unenforceable. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, may ask Dr Mowlam to review it—a move that would buy more time and give the RUC political cover for whatever action it has to take.

The independent commission agreed unanimously to reroute the highly contentious parade in an attempt to avert the Province-wide rioting that it has triggered in the past two years, but Unionists and Orangemen greeted the ruling with anger and dismay. They accused the commission of bowing to republican threats of violence and making matters worse.

Orange leaders were meeting in Belfast last night to decide their response, and one option was a legal challenge. Local Orange spokesmen said that they planned to march until the police stopped them, then stage a protest.

Nationalist spokesmen in Portadown said that they would proceed with their planned protest against the parade because they feared that the Government would capitulate in the face of loyalist disorder as it did last year.

Announcing the ruling, Alistair Graham, the commission's chairman, criticised the parade organisers and nationalist residents' leaders for their intransigence and refusal to accept that they had responsibilities as well as rights. Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin president, said the decision would give some relief to Garvaghy Road's "beleaguered" residents. The nationalist SDLP called it "sensible and correct".



Inflamed passions: a boy collecting tyres to build a bonfire in Portadown yesterday, as part of celebrations marking the Battle of the Boyne

## Drumcree is symbol of a divided Province

Martin Fletcher  
on the annual event that is much more than a march

THE Orange Order's annual Drumcree Church parade in Portadown has become the single most potent and explosive symbol of the conflict between Northern Ireland's two communities.

Orangemen consider it an entirely legitimate expression of their Protestant culture and see any restrictions as a capitulation to republican threats of violence.

Nationalists consider Drumcree and other parades that pass through their territory to be displays of Protestant triumphalism designed to make them feel like second-class citizens.

The Drumcree parade, which now involves 1,500 local Orangemen and four bands, has taken place every year since 1807 on the Sunday before the July 12 celebrations of the Protestant victory at the Battle of the Boyne.

It begins in the centre of Portadown, a town in Co Armagh that is 70 per cent Protestant and the birthplace of Orangeism. It proceeds out

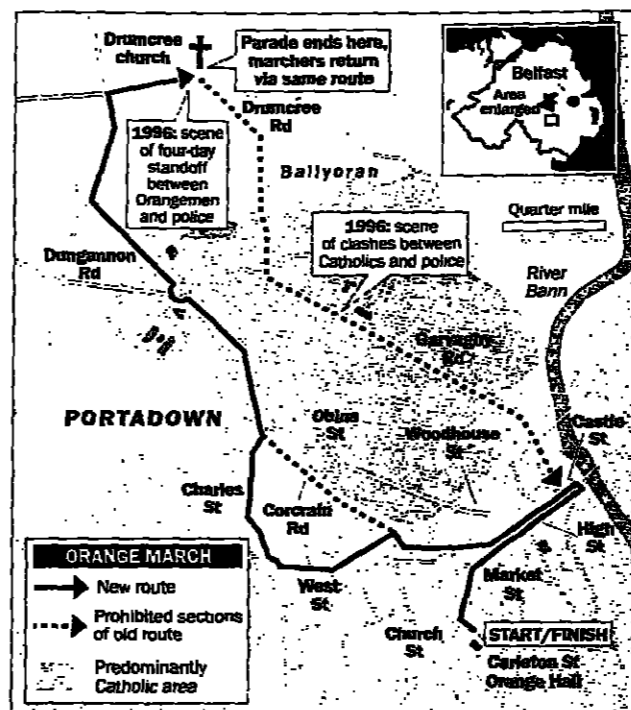
to Drumcree Church on the edge of town. After a service commemorating local soldiers who died in the First World War, it returns along the Garvaghy Road, which used to be predominantly Protestant but is now largely Roman Catholic. That sort of demographic change is the root cause of the problem with almost every contentious parade in Northern Ireland.

Nationalists began objecting to the Drumcree parade in 1985, but the first major confrontation occurred in 1995. To prevent a clash with protesters, the police blocked the

parade as it left the church and a two-day standoff ensued. The Orangemen were finally allowed to proceed down Garvaghy Road past silent protesters.

In 1996 the police banned the parade from Garvaghy Road. Large numbers of supporters again descended on Drumcree and there were disturbances across the Province. Tension grew and, after three days, Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable, reversed his decision to prevent loss of life and forcibly removed the protesters. This sparked riots in nationalist areas of Belfast and Londonderry.

Last year fruitless negotiations continued right up to the morning of the parade. Faced with the prospect of uncontrollable violence across the Province, the police and the Army moved in abruptly to clear the Garvaghy Road of protesters. Ronnie Flanagan, the new Chief Constable, justified the move as the lesser of two evils. The parade passed



in silence but there was widespread rioting.

The Government established the independent Parades Commission last year. It rules on contentious marches after considering five criteria — public order, disruption to community life, impact on relationships with

in communities, compliance with a code of conduct and tradition. It invites submissions and gives detailed explanations of its decisions, but has yet to win the trust of either side. The Orange Order will not speak to it.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Man walks free after sex assault

A London taxi driver was given a conditional discharge at the Old Bailey yesterday for indecently assaulting a 13-year-old girl who had run away from home to see her pop idol, Brian Harvey.

Peter Goddard, 40, from Benfleet, Essex, was cleared this month of raping the teenager. He admitted indecent assault. He told the court that he had had no idea that she was only 13 and that she had offered him sex for £20.

#### Dentist jailed

A dentist who practised after being struck off was jailed for nine months at Kingston Crown Court. Allan Nimmo, 43, of Wandsworth, South London, admitted gaining a financial advantage by deception to obtain employment.

#### Stung to death

Paul Truswell, 31, died in shock after an insect sting while clearing out a Guide hut in Coltishall, Norfolk, as part of a community service order for a drunken assault. The trainee BT engineer from Norwich leaves three children.

#### Sport rampage

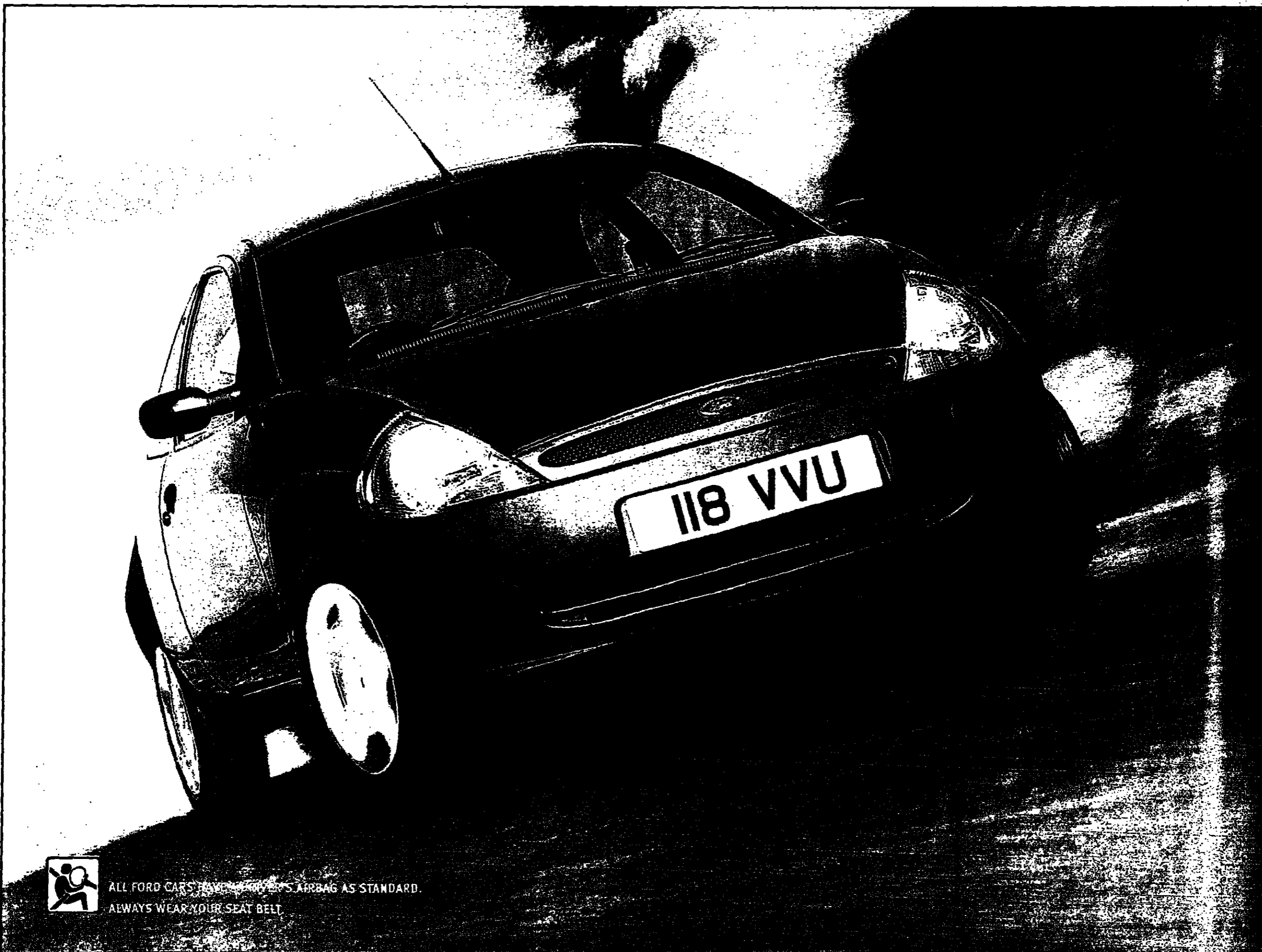
Two boys and a girl, aged between 10 and 11, were arrested after children went joyriding on a mechanical digger and caused damage totalling £10,000 to a building compound at Aldersley Stadium, Wolverhampton.

#### Forgotten prizes

Unclaimed prizes from the National Lottery will top £150 million today. The cash, not claimed within the 180-day deadline, goes to the Good Causes Fund. Camelot said that most of the unclaimed money was £10 prizes.

#### Eurovision loser

A collection of 300 Eurovision Song Contest records has been stolen. Allan Todd, 37, of Leeds, who began the collection 31 years ago and is so obsessed that he named his pet fish after Eurovision singers, desperately wants it back.



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# Daughter walks free over 'mercy killing'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A DAUGHTER who helped her ailing mother to kill herself was put on probation for a year yesterday.

Gillian Jennison was told that it was only the exceptional circumstances of the case that had prevented her from facing a murder charge. Leeds Crown Court was told that her mother, Annie Wilkes, pleaded with her to help her to die.

Jennison, 53, a college lecturer in trade union studies, had denied murdering Mrs Wilkes, 83, in July last year, but admitted helping her to end her life. She helped her to take an overdose of sleeping tablets and then put a pillow over her face.

James Goss, QC, for the prosecution, said that a post-mortem examination had not found a definite cause of death. There were three alternatives: that she had died from a drugs overdose, from suffocation, or a combination of both, but there was no conclusive evidence of smothering.

The Crown accepted Jennison's plea of not guilty to murder but, said Mr Goss, "that is not to say that the Crown condones actions such as this by relatives or those responsible for caring to the elderly. However, the Crown

cannot gainsay that Mrs Wilkes voluntarily consumed the drugs herself."

Mrs Justice Smith agreed, saying: "Once it was recognised that Mrs Wilkes was bound to die anyway, the prospect of a jury bringing back a murder verdict was remote indeed."

Sentencing Jennison, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, the judge told her that the maximum jail term was 14 years. "However, I am satisfied that in this case your culpability is very much at the lowest end of the scale. I accept that what was done was in the honest belief that it was what your mother wanted."

Mr Goss described Jennison, a divorced mother of two, as a caring and loving daughter who had a close relationship with her mother, who suffered from chronic dementia. Mrs Wilkes, who was widowed in 1962, lived alone in Comingley, near Keighley. Mabel Waterworth, her sister-in-law, lived next door. Jennison's brother, Colin, lived in the area.

In April last year Mrs Wilkes was treated in hospital for acute confusion and in May and June she stayed briefly in a care home. Staff described her as quiet and



Annie Wilkes: she said she was fed up with life

withdrawn. She had complained about being fed up with life and being depressed.

On July 15 she complained of not sleeping and was prescribed sleeping pills. On July 18 Mrs Waterworth called Jennison to tell her that Mrs Wilkes had said she wished she were dead. Jennison took her to her own home.

That evening her brother came to the house and together they all drank wine. After Mr Wilkes had gone home, Jennison went to her mother's bedside, where she asked her daughter to bring her sleeping pills. She said she did not want to go back to the nursing home. Jennison put 23 tablets in a small dish and her mother took them two or three at a

time with water. They had both drunk sherry and had got "pretty drunk".

After a while, her mother fell asleep and she went out to dispose of the tablet packaging. When she returned, her mother was still alive but unconscious. She put a pillow over her face.

In a statement to police, she said: "Her condition had deteriorated that afternoon. She was confused, she was seeing double and could hardly walk. She said she wanted to die in my house."

Mr Goss said: "It would have been very cruel not to have gone along with her mother's wishes. When she returned and found her mother was not dead she did not wish to let her down and held the pillow over her face for a couple of minutes." She then called her mother's doctor, who notified the police.

After the case Jennison said: "I believe people who relieve someone's pain out of compassion should not necessarily be faced with a charge of murder, although I understand the dangers of legalising any form of euthanasia. I believe it was right for me to be charged and that I had to go to court because I did do it. My mother had asked me to end her suffering and I felt I had no option but to help her."



Gillian Jennison arriving at court yesterday. She admitted helping her mother to die

# Life term for man who threw grandchild to death

By A CORRESPONDENT

A MAN was jailed for life yesterday for murdering his three-year-old granddaughter, whom he hurled from a seventh-floor balcony while drunk.

At the Old Bailey, Judge Geoffrey Grigson told Anthony Volney: "Yours was an act so callous as to be almost beyond belief." Volney, 59, from Kilburn, northwest London, had denied murdering Sasha Davies last August. She was thrown over the balcony after she pleaded to go home.

Dorian Lovell-Pank, QC, for the prosecution, had told the court. She never regained consciousness and died three days later in hospital.

Volney had been looking after the girl and had taken her back to his flat after being asked to leave a club. "He was variously described as drunk, staggering, and was generally thought not to be fit to look after a small child. It appeared she did not want to be with him," said Mr Lovell-Pank. One witness had the impression that he was dragging the child and she was saying: "I want to go home."

Her grandfather was swearing at her. A witness saw a little girl crying in "a pitiful way", said Mr Lovell-Pank. "She saw him push the girl so violently that her head collided with a wall of the building."

A man "heard a child in distress and a man who was swearing a lot. He thought the girl sounded petrified. Every time she said something, the man would swear back. He saw the defendant pick up the girl and drop her over the side of the balcony."

When he gave evidence in his defence, Volney said: "I am still trying to think what really happened. It could only have been an accident."

After the jury convicted Volney, they were told that in 1994 he had been jailed for two years - for wounding after slashing a man with a razor while drunk.

# Firm stung for £4,000 over useless mosquito repeller

By A CORRESPONDENT

A COMPANY that sold an electronic mosquito repeller so ineffective that it put lives at risk from malaria was fined £4,000 yesterday.

A trading standards volunteer who tested the device by using it as he put his hand into a container holding 30 of the insects was bitten more than 60 times in 90 seconds.

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the repeller switched off. An official report on the device concluded that it had no effect in repelling mosquitoes. People who used the repeller would put their lives at risk from malaria if they did not use other forms of protection.

Innovations (Mail Order), the company responsible for selling 10,000 of the £7.99 Mosquito Repeller, had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing at Winchester Crown Court to applying a false trade descrip-

tion. The repeller was withdrawn after the company, which had nine previous convictions for similar offences, was contacted by trading standards officials.

Martin Hurst, for the company, said it had verified the quality of the product by checking that the light went on and it buzzed. Testing to see if it was effective would have been impossible - for one thing it was difficult to get mosquitoes in this country.

# Company fined for causing stink

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A JUDGE yesterday fined a company £370,000 for spreading a foul stench across a residential area near Manchester.

Residents who crowded the public gallery at Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester heard that Smith Bros, an animal by-products firm in Hyde, Tameside, was now in the hands of liquidators. They had complained for years that the factory, which turned animal waste into fertiliser, spewed noxious fumes that made it impossible to stay outdoors and made them sick.

In one year alone, Tameside council received 1,150 formal complaints. The stench was so bad that homeowners could

not sell their properties and prices fell. An environmental health officer reported: "I could not describe the stink without resorting to strong language." The company was ordered to pay £240,000 in fines and costs last year. Yesterday it admitted 22 further breaches under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Judge John Phipps said: "The odours were offensive in the extreme and people living and working in the area were subjected to particularly vile smells affecting their quality of life to a serious extent. The company is already in voluntary liquidation after directors concluded they could not continue to trade."

After the hearing, Don Hunter, a

retired plumber who lives near the plant, said: "Justice has been done and now the firm has closed down we will be cracking open the champagne. We did not have any quality of life because of the stink. We could never have our doors open in the summer and you would see people walking down the street with handkerchiefs over their mouths."

Geoffrey Bailey, a corrosives expert at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, said: "We more or less became prisoners in our own homes. I tried to hold a barbecue and I had some important academics from international colleges there. We had to adjourn inside, the smell was that bad."

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# Citizen's Charter to get Blair's star treatment

SCHOOLS, libraries and hospitals will be graded according to a Michelin-style star system under Tony Blair's replacement for the Citizen's Charter.

The Service First programme will continue the battle to improve public services, but the success of each organisation will be judged on the views of those who use it, rather than on how fast it can answer telephones and reply to letters.

Under the new system, to be announced today, public bodies will be told to canvass opinion about the quality of service they provide, using local focus groups, questionnaires or public meetings. The organisations will then be encouraged to act on what they learn.

A "people's panel" of 5,000 men and women is also being set up by MORI to gauge the reaction to major initiatives and to provide views on quality of service within 24 hours.

David Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Peter Kilfoyle, the junior Public Services Minister, will outline the new graded system today. The policy is part of Dr Clark's plans to make bureaucratic structures more responsive to the needs and demands of ordinary people.

The Citizen's Charter unit in the Cabinet Office will become

**Valerie Elliott**  
on the plans to upgrade John Major's scheme for improving public services

the Service First team. There will be a more thorough monitoring of the quality of service offered by award-winners.

The unit will also offer advice to various bodies on how to work more closely with each other to improve public services. This is in line with the Cabinet Office's new co-ordinating role, bringing together cross-government initiatives and policies.

John Major introduced the Citizen's Charter programme six years ago, and although it was persistently sneered at by cynics, 911 Chartermarks have been awarded to organisations providing outstanding services.

Officials will be making greater efforts to encourage more applicants. Ministers have already opened up the award to voluntary bodies that

are contracted to provide Government services.

Yesterday a spokesman for the National Union of Teachers said: "Schools are already inundated with various checks on standards from Ofsted, school league tables and the existing system of Charter inspectors. If we had to apply for different levels of Chartermark award and have a grading system the process would be even more difficult. If you get one it does not bring a lot of kudos because so few people know what it is."

Housewives are to be encouraged to join "the great and good" and apply for jobs on quangos and other public bodies. The Government is also willing to coach potential members for entry into this elite and to reward advertisements to encourage people from "non-traditional career patterns".

The action is part of a campaign to reach a 50/50 split between men and women on all such bodies. Ministers also want more people from ethnic minorities to put themselves forward.

David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said yesterday that he wanted to banish the impression of quangos as "secretive bodies stuffed with placemen" but he made clear that appointments would still be on merit.



Ken Livingstone: Labour leaders see him as a potential permanent embarrassment

## 'Stop Ken' move delayed

By Andrew Pierce  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership has postponed a decision on whether to bar the left-wing MP Ken Livingstone from entering the contest to be the party's choice for London mayor.

A decision on the selection procedure was expected to be announced at next month's meeting of the national executive. But, with party leaders still divided on whether to let Mr Livingstone run or to exclude his name from the shortlist because of his attacks on the Government, no announcement will be made until September at the earliest.

The party officials who are pressing Tony Blair to drop Mr Livingstone urged the delay in the selection decision. "If he is barred in July,

Ken would have a long hot summer to mount a powerful campaign to be reinstated," one of the officials said. "It's the last thing we want. He would arrive at the party conference as a folk hero."

Opinion is still sharply divided on the best "Stop Ken" tactics. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, and Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, are seen as the only heavyweights with London connections who could beat Mr Livingstone in a ballot of party members. But it is a high-risk strategy and if Mr Livingstone won the run-off they fear he would have an unstoppable momentum to become mayor and a permanent embarrassment in his new empire across the water from the Commons.

Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, remains the favourite to win the nomination. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, is also keen to run. Senior Labour ministers are pressing for Mr Livingstone to be stopped in his tracks when the executive considers the issue in September, shortly before his party conference.

With the Tories having contracted out most services in local government during the 1980s, Mr Mather argues that William Hague should adopt the same strategy for the party headquarters.

"We should practice what we preach. We should apply market solutions to our serious problems of cost and organisation," he said. "The results could provide better services at a lower cost and give better rewards and more job satisfaction to staff at Central Office."

He published his report as Archie Norman, the party vice-chairman and chairman of Asda, begins work on an overhaul of party headquarters that will lead to the loss of many jobs.

# What matters is Robinson's performance

THE press and political critics of Geoffrey Robinson are aiming at the wrong target. His business affairs before becoming a minister and his offshore interests are complicated, occasionally obscure and bizarre. But most of the allegations made so far are historic and highly technical. Whatever the Standards and Privileges Committee decides about his observance of the precise rules of the House in 1990, nothing has so far been proven to indicate his behaviour was seriously in conflict with his position as an MP. Some of the current stories about his past business associations are completely out of proportion and have the appearance almost of an obsession, even a vendetta.

The real question about Mr Robinson is whether he is any good as a minister. Initially, last year, he had the reputation at the top of government of being a successful fixer — like Lord Young of Graffham in the mid-1980s — in coming up with solutions rather than problems. He is credited with helping to revive the private finance initiative. But outside Gordon Brown's inner circle, questions are now being asked about his merits, indeed his suitability, as a minister.

Senior civil servants and other ministers doubt whether Mr Robinson fully understands the difference between business and government. There is no suggestion that he has done anything wrong, but his preference for operating informally — like a free-wheeling industrialist — has several times led to conflict with senior civil servants, and other ministers. This is not a matter merely of Whitehall etiquette. There are right rules about proper conduct and accountability. Ministers cannot just bring in outside commercial advisers without observing procedures to avoid conflict of interest.

These worries have surfaced over last week's energy announcement. Mr Robinson has been accused by some in the electricity industry of personally trying to broker deals between private sector companies to construct his rescue package — on a grander scale

than in his days in the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation 30 years ago. That is not the role for a Treasury Minister. We have an elaborate structure of regulation to promote competition on a transparent and open basis. Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is the right person to urge competition between the generators. Ministerial intervention is an undesirable throwback.

Moreover, the first presentation made by Mr Robinson to a ministerial committee was thrown out by Tony Blair since it was widely seen as sloppy and unworkable. Mr Robinson and other ministers had to rework the package.

This is the second time that Mr Robinson has made a serious mistake. He was responsible for the original shambles last December over the replacement of Peps and Tassas by Individual Savings Accounts. He showed an inad-

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equate grasp of what was involved at a news conference then, and the proposals were substantially revised to avoid penalising current Peps holders. He has also been an indifferent Commons performer, who has a number of times had to be shielded by his Treasury colleagues.

Mr Robinson's most important role seems to be as counsellor and backer of Mr Brown as the Chancellor develops and spreads his powerbase within the Labour Party. His Park Lane apartment is where Mr Brown takes many of his key decisions late at night with his small inner circle of advisers. Mr Robinson is likely to remain a key figure in the Brown circle. The issue for the Prime Minister, and the Chancellor, is whether Mr Robinson should stay in his current post, or whether his style of operation could eventually land him, and the Government, in serious political trouble.

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# Sympathy for earl's son who was phone pest

By CLAUDIA JOSEPH

AN EARL'S son who pestered a pub landlord with telephone calls won the sympathy of a court yesterday, after blaming the after-effects of being indoctrinated by a religious cult.

Viscount Reidhaven, 34, an old Harrovian and heir to a £40 million family fortune, was described last night as "a nice bloke" even by his victim, Brian Whiting, who had banned him from the Hare pub in Langton Green, Kent, for being a nuisance.

Lord Reidhaven became involved with a Sufi Muslim sect in the early 1990s. His family became so concerned that they hired a team of former SAS men to rescue him. Despite counselling, he is still said to behave irrationally at times. Yesterday, after admitting annoying with intent, he was given a conditional discharge. Later, he said he was planning to return to the family seat in

Scotland. His father, the Earl of Seafield, has 186,000 acres in Banffshire.

"I want to put all this behind me and get back to Scotland, make amends with my family and reclaim my inheritance," said Lord Reidhaven at his rambling country home in Hildenborough, Kent.

Sevenoaks magistrates were told that Lord Reidhaven made 26 calls earlier this year to Mr Whiting after he was barred from the pub. Barbara Noone, for the prosecution, said: "As a result, he took to phoning the public house. Some of the calls were offensive. At other times the calls were quite pleasant in nature, but they were calls the landlord did not want."

The Earl of Seafield was in court with his son as David Barton, for Lord Reidhaven, said: "In the early 1990s, he became involved in a religious

cult and was subjected to intense indoctrination. The effects of what transpired in the cult are still with him. He has over the years taken steps to obtain help and support and it has been very valuable. The process of recovery is ongoing.

"He is not accused of making calls of a malicious nature. He acknowledges that the quantity of calls was unacceptable. He suffers from low self-esteem and low self-respect.

"He had been banned from a pub which he had used for two to three years. There was a difference between him and the landlord and a member of the staff. He felt he had been poorly treated. He apologised for his part and asked for recognition that the member of staff had contributed to the state of affairs. He regrets what happened."



Viscount Reidhaven yesterday with his father. The family arranged for his rescue by an ex-SAS team after he became involved with a sect

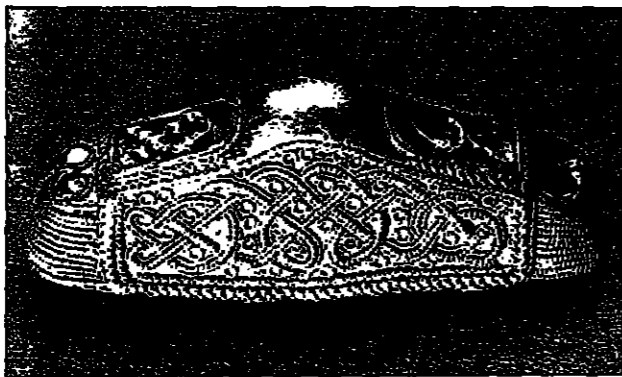
bridge graduate, was conditionally discharged for a year and ordered to pay £50 costs after magistrates studied a medical report.

Mr Whiting, who was not in court, said he was happy with the outcome: "He is a nice bloke. I have no ill-feeling towards him. He never did anything nasty or horrible. He is not a bad person. I quite liked him. He just made one or two phone calls too many. He kept pestering us. I don't expect to see him back here."

Lord Reidhaven had been a follower of Muhammad Ali, a Sufi Muslim, who is the brother-in-law of Yusuf Islam, formerly the singer Cat Stevens. He changed his name to Abdul Quadir, donned a skull cap and grew a goatee beard before allegedly giving Ali a £24,000 Land Rover, Savile Row suits and holidays abroad. His family employed the former SAS team, which bundled him into his car and

drove him to a cottage in the Western Isles, where he was treated by Louis West, a Californian who had worked with mentally ill Vietnam veterans. He was then brought down to live at Hildenborough. One of his former SAS bodyguards said: "If he ever

needs us, all he has to do is call. He knows this. At the moment he wants to stand on his own two feet and that is quite right. He is a very nice chap, a pleasure to work for."



The pommel may have belonged to king or nobleman

## Anglers dig for gold worth £1.2m

By PAUL WILKINSON

A RARE golden sword pommel found by two anglers could be worth up to £1.2 million. The ornate object could date from early Saxon times and might once have belonged to a king or a nobleman.

A coroner's inquest will be held to determine whether the Crown can claim rights over the pommel, but the fishermen, who have asked to remain anonymous, expect to receive a handsome payment for their discovery.

They have already been offered £50,000 for a private sale. The man and his father-in-law had been fishing near their home in Hull and, after a poor day's catch, were preparing to return home when they decided to try

out their £15 metal detector for a few minutes.

Almost immediately, it traced something buried in the mud. Despite not knowing how to interpret the signal, they dug down and found a gold object the size of a cigarette lighter.

When they took it to Kevin Leahy, the curator at Scunthorpe Museum, he described it as a find of national importance. The pommel is now being held in a strongroom at the Yorkshire Museum in York. Craig Barclay, the curator responsible for the pommel, refused to discuss the matter. No one at Scunthorpe Museum was available to comment.

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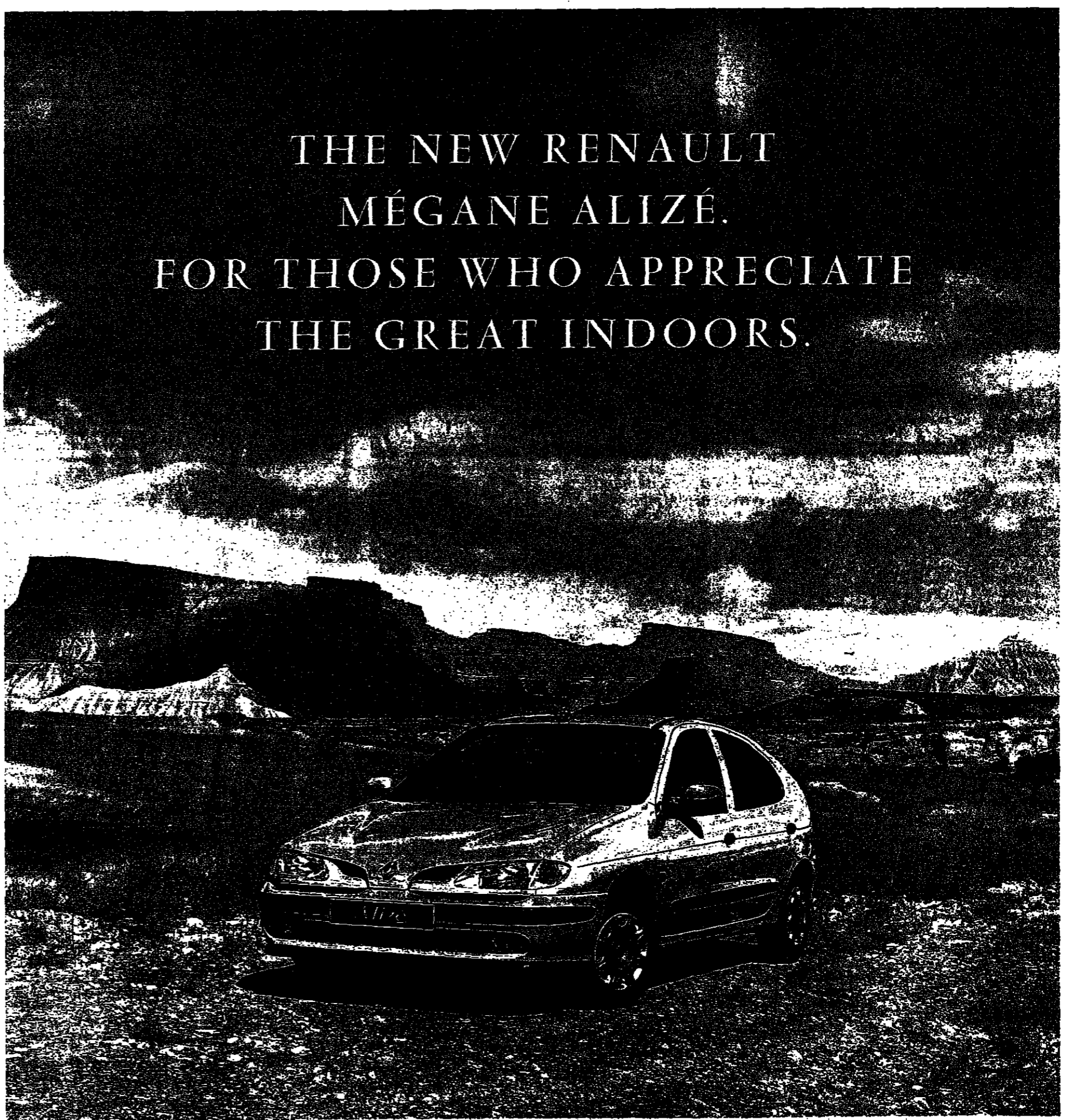
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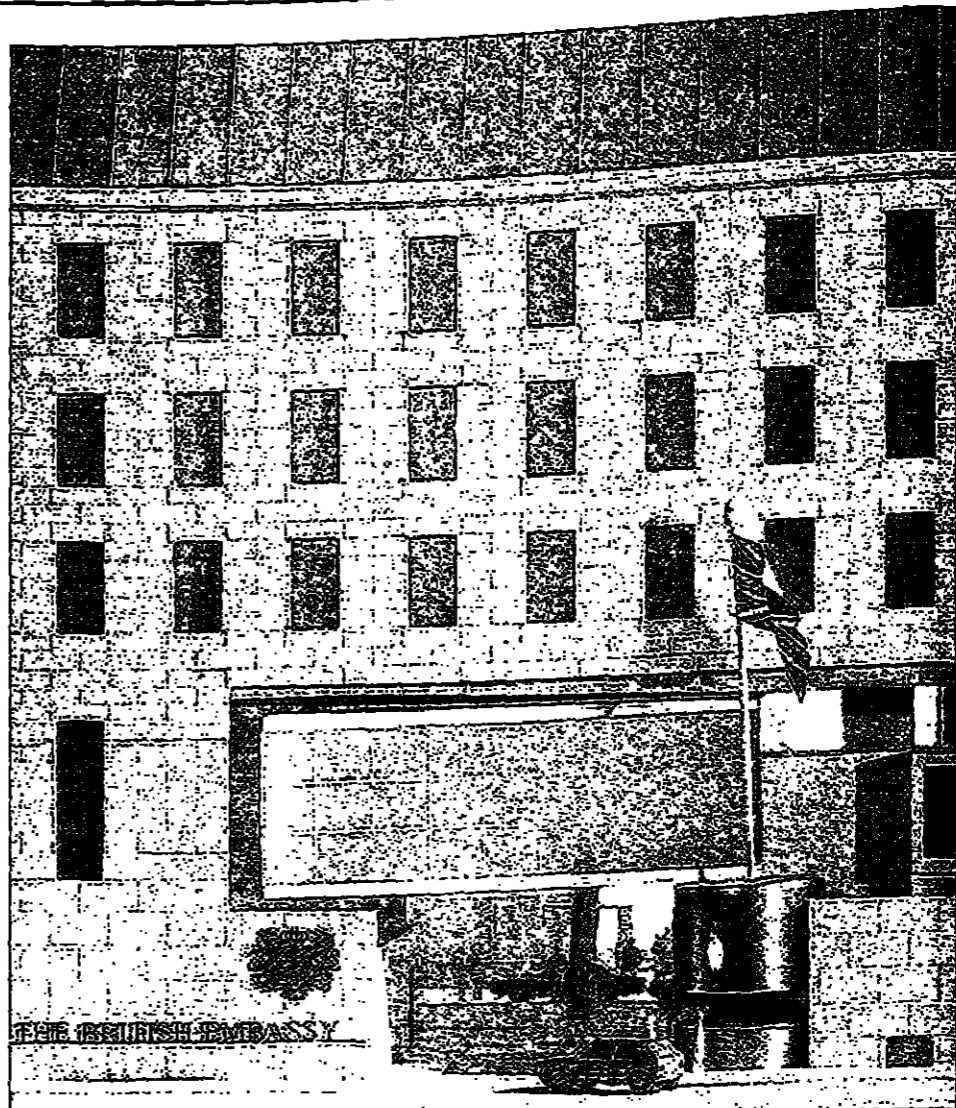
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embassy surrender part of its garden to help to cover the costs. The Adlon Hotel was built on the lawn, providing diplomats with a restaurant and dancing café in which to meet contacts from the German Foreign Ministry, which was then a little further down Wilhelmstrasse. At least one secretary at the British Embassy was wooed by a Prussian aristocrat in the Adlon café.

Today the Adlon is again one of the top hotels in the city but its prices are well out of range for all but the most senior of British diplomats and, indeed, for most Prussian aristocrats.

Although the Government owns the land, the new building will be effectively leased for 30 years with an option to renew for another 30. The French and US embassies, which once stood next to the British mission, will also be rebuilt on their original sites. Hubert Vedrine, France's Foreign Minister, is to lay the first stone at its new mission on July 10.

## Housewife found alive in rubble of quake

BY ANDREW FINKEL  
IN ADANA  
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TURKISH relief workers yesterday rescued a housewife who had been buried 48 hours earlier by an earthquake that killed more than 120 people.

Those watching the operation in the town of Ceyhan applauded as medical workers carried Hatice Eker, 46, to an ambulance.

She had been trapped since Saturday when an earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale struck southeastern Turkey around the regional city of Adana.

Just yards away from the collapsed building where she had been trapped, similar structures stood unharmed. Residents have charged that crooked construction deals were to blame for buildings that crumpled in the quake.

"Let's say you are a developer and I am the government inspector. I slip you a load of money, you look away and the result is an unsafe building," said Mustafa Kilit after a night with ten relatives in a tent for half that number.

The Turkish authorities promised yesterday to prosecute builders whose wilful negligence had contributed to the death toll.



Mitterrand: image was moulded by Pilhan

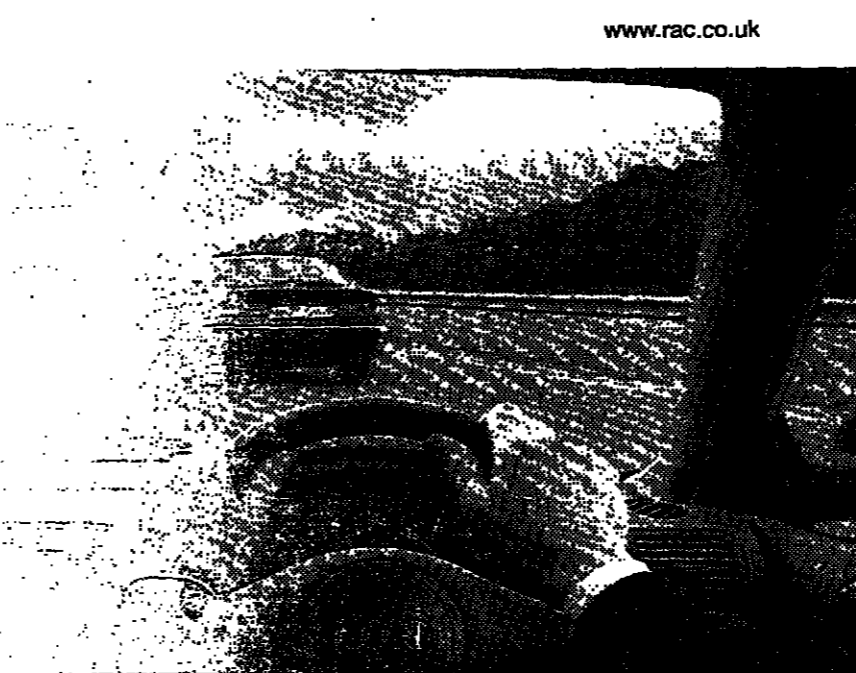
## Mitterrand and Chirac guru dies

Paris: Jacques Pilhan, the shadowy French spin-doctor to successive presidents of the Left and Right, has died of lung cancer in Paris at 54 (Ben Macintyre writes).

He was appointed senior communications adviser to the late François Mitterrand in 1984 and for 11 years was the principal architect of the Socialist President's image.

Widely regarded as the media guru of the last two presidencies, M Pilhan acted entirely behind the scenes, seldom appearing in public. He was credited with the successful Mitterrand slogan *La Force Tranquille*.

In June 1995, after the Gaullist Jacques Chirac was elected President, M Pilhan stayed on at the Elysée Palace with undiminished power.



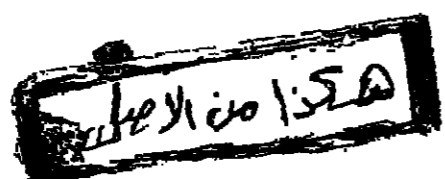
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# Clinton delivers lecture on democracy

## Beijing students hail passionate appeal on human rights and social change

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN BEIJING

IN AN extraordinary and passionate speech yesterday at Peking University, broadcast live across China, President Clinton told young Chinese people that they have a fundamental right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This may be remembered as one of the most dramatic scenes of his presidency.

"These are not American rights or European rights or developed-world rights," Mr Clinton said of the principles at the heart of American democracy. "They are the birth rights of people everywhere, now enshrined in the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights," he declared in a speech which



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surpassed in drama even his weekend televised press conference with President Jiang Zemin. "There will have been nothing like it heard in that hall for more than half a century," said Orville Schell, an internationally respected China scholar at the University of California.

The speech and the half-hour of questions and answers with hundreds of students and faculty may prove the most powerful moment of his state visit. It was the point when Mr Clinton, who has seemed lacklustre and hesitant, even intimidated, since his arrival in China last Thursday, finally found the voice which has won him popular appeal at home.

In China's most prestigious university, the cradle of the 1989 pro-democracy movement, he hit the big themes of youth, education and the 21st century with humour and spontaneity, but also bluntly called on China to match its economic transformation with social and political change.

"I have been demonstrated against quite a lot in the US," he said to one student, who asked him how he would have felt if greeted by protesters, as was Mr Jiang at Harvard University last year. "I told President Jiang when he was there I was glad they demonstrated against him, so I didn't feel so lonely," Mr Clinton said to laughter and applause.

But President Clinton was visibly taken aback by the questions, which were shrill, aggressive and nationalistic, delivered in a half-shout, like political speeches, to massive applause. One young man declared: "As a Chinese, I'm very interested in the reunification of my motherland, but we have seen that the Americans repeatedly are selling advanced weapons" to what he called the "Taiwan province of China".

Another, capturing the suspicious tone of most of the questions, asked whether Mr Clinton had "hidden sayings behind [your] smile — do you have a design to contain China?" The next, thanking him tartly for his "sincere suggestions" of how China should reform, invited him to match criticism with self-criticism and describe America's faults.

"It's good for him to hear what's really under the surface," Professor Schell said. "That's what President Jiang's up against — if he gets too close to Bill, he could become delaminated, split off, from all the people who feel this, and



President Clinton acknowledges a standing ovation from thousands of Peking University students in the grounds of the campus yesterday after his historic speech

there are lots of them, not just here but in all the layers right below him."

The students in the hall were said to have been chosen by lottery out of a group selected by the faculty. American officials said later they believed that some questions were planted and scripted.

However, US aides said that brief interruptions in the broadcast by the state service CCTV, and the occasionally inaudible sound, were almost certainly due to the station's inexperience with live transmissions, and to difficulties in translating the President's improvised remarks.

Later, at a ceremony to present 500 American books to

Beijing, China yesterday detained Wang Youcai, a pro-democracy activist who had applied to set up an opposition party just hours before President Clinton arrived for his state visit. Mr Wang was taken from his home in eastern Zhejiang province by police

in plain clothes who talked to him about his activities and about the Chinese Democracy Party, his wife Hu Jiangxia said. US officials with Mr Clinton said they were unaware of the detention, which came as the President left Beijing for Shanghai. (AFP)

"new chemistry" between the two countries is ample reason to call it a success. As Mr Clinton's motorcade swept out of the capital last night, on the way to Shanghai and the easier half of the trip, he must hope that his belief in communication is not dismissed as American naivety, and that his charm made enough impact on Chinese defensiveness to justify that ambitious claim. Trade boost: Mr Clinton's trip began paying dividends for American businesses, with big corporations announcing contracts worth \$1.87 billion (£1.15 billion), including the sale of 27 Boeing aircraft. (AP)

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## Class rules in Britain, says Hong Kong poll

BY MICHAEL BIRNBYN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A YEAR after the handover of Hong Kong to China, an overwhelming majority of the former colony's inhabitants still believe that Britain is traditional, class-ridden and deeply conservative.

A British Council survey of attitudes towards Britain found that despite these perceptions, people in Hong Kong also believed that Britain was "tolerant and fair" and was an outward-looking global player. Four out of five said their views had not changed since the handover; 16 per cent said their perception had improved, and 6 per cent said it had worsened.

When asked to identify what most represented Britain, 69 per cent cited the Royal Family, 54 per cent the English language and 40 per cent the British Government. Most of the 400 residents questioned — 71 per cent — thought Britain's reputation in Hong Kong was good, although slightly more believed that its international reputation had worsened in the past ten years than those who thought it had improved.

## News-hungry Chinese outwit officials

The authorities are struggling to control the flow of information, James Pringle writes

WHEN Americans landed on the Moon in 1969, China regarded the United States as a "paper tiger" and the country was festooned with posters reading "Down with US imperialism and all its running dogs". News of the lunar landing was not published.

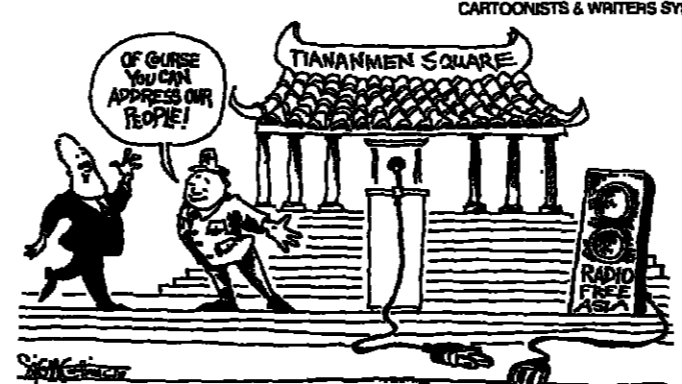
At the same time, many Chinese thought that Albania, then one of Beijing's only friends, was one of the biggest and most powerful of European powers. Chinese often became annoyed when a foreigner said this was not the case and pointed to tiny Albania on a map — world maps were not available then in China.

During the "Great Leap Forward", maybe up to 30 million people died of hunger, but not a line was published. In the 1960s, two huge dams collapsed in central China, sweeping away hundreds of thousands to their deaths; this event was also not reported.

In a particularly Orwellian twist, Lin Biao, Mao's chosen successor, disappeared. It later transpired he had died in an air crash in Mongolia while fleeing China. This also was not divulged; instead his portrait just began to vanish from public places.

Analysts believe that the decision to broadcast was not due to a sudden surge of liberalism in the party's propaganda department, but was done because of arrangements with the US. "This was probably part of the quid pro quo with the Americans by which Clinton agreed to appear at Tiananmen," said a Beijing-based analyst.

That videotapes of Mr Clinton's speech will soon be on sale throughout China is likely. This is a situation the party will not be able to control, and Mr Clinton's views will seep into the collective political consciousness. Never since the Communist victory in 1949 has so much information been available to Chinese people. Newspapers such as *Southern Weekend*, CARTOONISTS & WRITERS SYNDICATE



A view of media freedom by Signe in the Philadelphia Daily News

published in Guangzhou (Canton), are popular in Beijing because of its exposure of corruption among officials. As the sales of much-raking newspapers have soared, sales of the state-run *People's Daily*, the flagship of the party, have fallen from seven million 20 years ago to two million today. The paper has now introduced a four-page financial section.

Tens of thousands of Chinese are now surfing the Internet. Despite attempts by the authorities to block websites, China's computer buffs find a way round them. The BBC and Voice of America Chinese-language broadcasts are listened to by the educated. Only Radio Free Asia seems to be jammed. In southern China, television antennas are turned permanently towards glitzy Hong Kong stations.

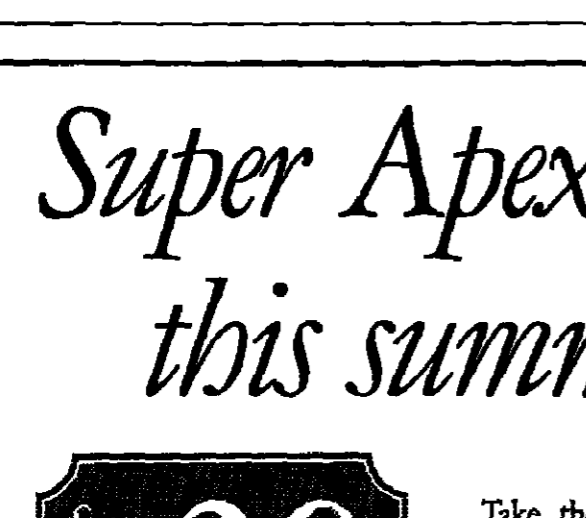
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# Timorese protester shot dead near EU envoys

FROM PATRICIA NUNAN IN BAUCAU, EAST TIMOR

A DEMONSTRATOR protesting about the political status of the disputed territory of East Timor was shot dead by Indonesian security forces during a visit by a European Union delegation, led by a British diplomat.

About 800 protesters carrying banners calling for a referendum and chanting "Viva East Timor" surrounded two cars carrying the five members of the EU delegation and a third car carrying Indonesian security staff.

After the two EU cars entered the grounds of the cathedral in Baucau, protesters blocked the path of the security forces' car because, they said later, they did not want weapons on church

grounds. The car, a 4x4 with tinted windows, then backed out of the grounds.

Some demonstrators said that other protesters threw stones at the car. A journalist saw one of the security officers fire a pistol in the air. After that, at least a dozen rounds of teargas and live ammunition were fired in rapid succession from the car. When the shooting ended, Orlando de Costa lay dead from a bullet to the head, and at least five others were wounded.

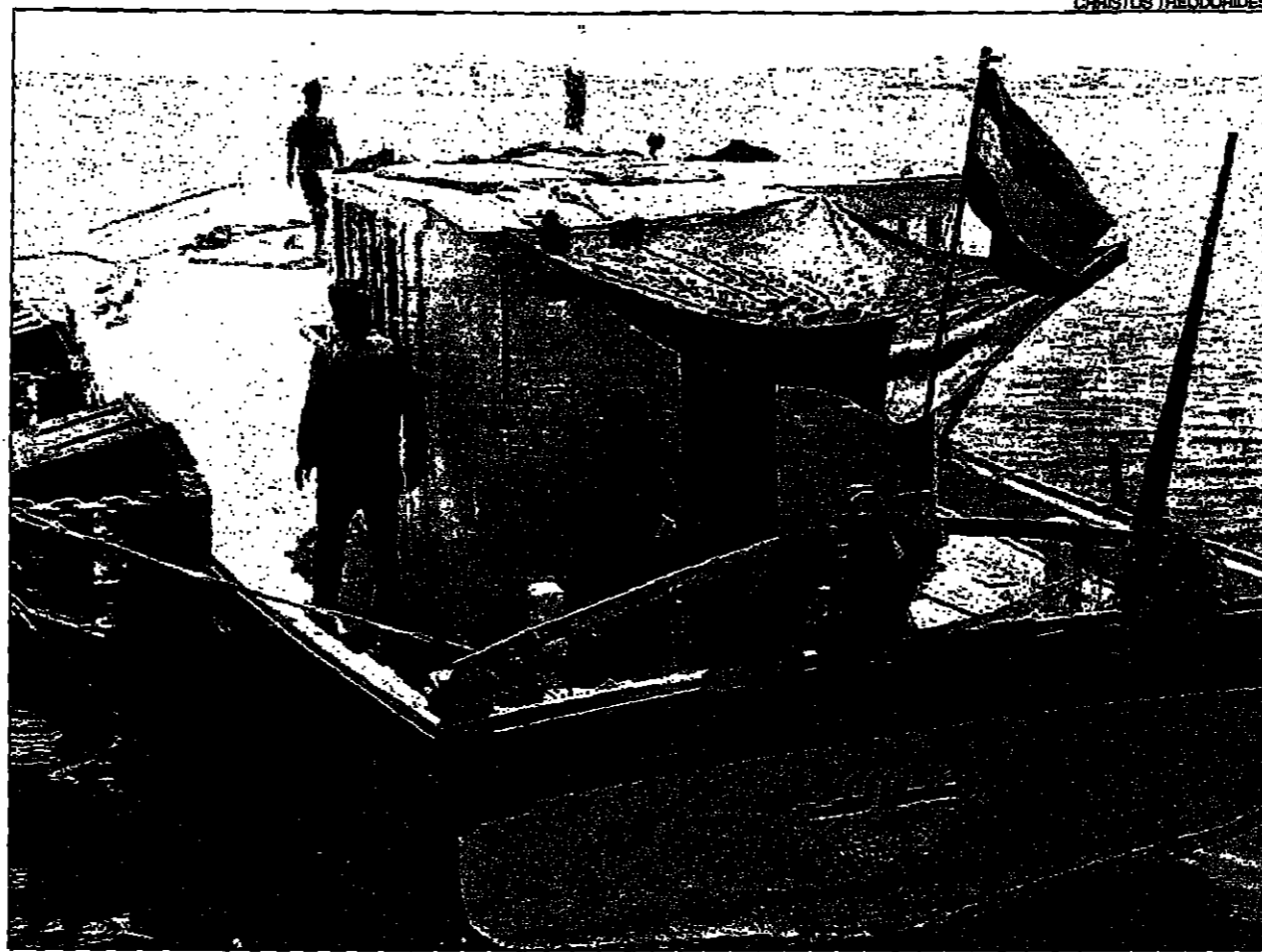
The EU delegation was safely inside the cathedral rectory when the shooting took place. A priest, using a megaphone, appealed for calm. The security forces abandoned their car and protesters smashed several of its windows. After going ahead with the meeting with the EU delegation, Bishop Basilio do Nascimento of Baucau administered the last rites to Mr de Costa, whose body had remained at the roadside.

Before leaving, Robin Christopher, the British Ambassador to Indonesia and the head of the EU delegation, told the protesters that the delegation had called for an investigation of the incident.

The delegation's four-day visit to East Timor is intended to help to find a political solution to a 23-year dispute. The Indonesian Government invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975 and forcibly annexed it the following year. But the United Nations still recognises Portugal as the official administrator of the territory. Many East Timorese favour holding a referendum to decide its fate.



Indonesian soldier on patrol after the unrest



The Rita Allah fishing smack after it had been towed into Limassol. Passengers likened it to a slave ship

# Refugees' dream of new life ends in nightmare on smuggler's boat

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN LIMASSOL

THE dream of a better life in Europe ended in a horrific ordeal at sea for more than 100 people from the Middle East and Africa who spent 11 days stranded in the eastern Mediterranean without food or water in a tiny wooden fishing smack.

The leaking, Syrian-flagged boat was towed into the Cypriot port of Limassol yesterday three days after two young African men died of hunger and thirst. Their bodies were unceremoniously dumped overboard, passengers said. "It was like the world had forgotten us. We were sure we would all die," said Muhammed Ali Idriss, 30, an Iraqi Kurd. Many compared scenes on board the 70ft boat, the *Rita Allah*, to a 19th-century slave ship.

Passengers were crammed on deck "like sardines", huddling under sheets for protection from the burning sun, said Mr Idriss, whose arms were badly sunburned. Others suffered in a fetid, dark hold built for storing fish.

Fights broke out over food and water which ran short after three days.

Fifteen of the 116 passengers, including a heavily pregnant woman and five children, were being treated in hospital while the rest recuperated in a Limassol hotel under police guard. Each had paid at least \$500 (£300) to be smuggled into Italy. They were promised it

he tied them to sticks and simply threw them overboard." One had gone mad after drinking seawater, other passengers said.

Police suspected that despite the captain's promises, the boat had been destined for Cyprus all along. It was too small and had insufficient fuel to reach Italy.

For most, the miserable odyssey began well before

building site in Dortmund, Germany. "I have a brother there and he was going to help us," he said. "What can I do now? I have nothing left. Nothing," he said.

After two days at sea, the boat's small engine gave out. "We were very tired, very hot and very thirsty. We had some tinned tuna fish and a few tomatoes, nothing more," said Mr Idriss. "After four or five days, the water ran out. There had only been 20 gallons on board. I had to stop my little boy Judi — who is only ten months — from snatching some seawater that another passenger was drinking.

"As the days passed, I was sure we would all die. From time to time we saw another ship on the horizon, but I suppose our boat must have been too small for them to notice, and they sailed on."

Deliverance came late on Sunday when a Ukrainian-flagged cargo vessel spotted the boat 50 miles south of the resort of Paphos and towed it into Limassol.

“The captain was like an animal... As the days passed I was sure we would all die”

would be a mere two-day journey from the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli where the boat set sail on June 18. The Syrian captain was arrested by police and charged with causing death by negligence. His five Syrian crew were also detained.

"The captain was like an animal," said David Deo, 26, a Rwandan university graduate. "When the two men died,

they set sail. Mr Idriss, his wife and three children, all under five, arrived in Lebanon after a ten-day journey from their home in Zakho in northern Iraq. They walked at night to avoid police in the countries they crossed and occasionally hitched lifts. "I paid \$5,000 to several Mafia-type people in Zakho to organise the trip," said Mr Idriss. His dream was to work on a

# Orthodox Jews threaten digs in Holy Land

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE head of the archaeology lobby in the Knesset issued a warning yesterday that a new deal between ultra-Orthodox politicians and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, threatened the future of excavations in the Holy Land.

The deal was cut in private last Thursday and ensured the future of Mr Netanyahu's coalition because the four-member Ultra Torah Judaism (UTJ) party agreed to withdraw a threat to abandon the Government coalition, which is hanging on by a slender 61-59 seat majority in the 120-member parliament.

A key element of the package, criticised by secular Jews as "religious blackmail", is to tighten the grip of the ultra-Orthodox over the future of archaeology and to strengthen their power to halt any dig because of fear it might disturb Jewish bones.

Hagai Merom, the opposition Labour deputy and chairman of the Knesset's archaeology lobby, claimed that as part of the secret deal, Amir Drori, head of the Antiquities Authority, is to be replaced by a political-religious chief.

Mr Merom told the Tel Aviv daily *Haarets* that such an appointment would give the ultra-Orthodox sector veto power over archaeological digs and research all over Israel, a country which many archaeologists regard as one of the most exciting in the world.

"We are talking about a liquidation sale of Israeli archaeology," Mr Merom added. "If the conditions of the ultra-Orthodox are met, it will spell the end of archaeology in this country."

Mr Drori's term is not due to expire for another two years. A tough former Israeli war hero and reserve major-general, he is loathed by the ultra-Orthodox who have demonstrated against digs in Israel and resorted to arson, death threats, tyre slashings and riots in their campaign to shut down those to which they are opposed.

Once at a confrontation in the field Mr Drori, an amateur archaeologist of note, told

his black-coated opponents: "You are a disease, but not a terminal disease. You will not budge me, either with verbal or physical violence."

In response to the latest threat, he vowed he would not step down quietly. "I am not throwing up my hands or moving my feet. Actually, the only time I raise my hands is to pick up the hammer and spade, to dig."

Such is the hostility between the ultra-Orthodox supporters and the normally secular archaeological teams that Shachar Oren, an expert on the struggle, said: "I do not believe any of the sides. The archaeologists can say they have found a Christian site, rather than a Jewish one, just to prevent the ultra-Orthodox from becoming involved."



Weizman yesterday: unprecedented call

# Weizman plea for snap polls

Jerusalem: Ezer Weizman, the popular Israeli President, provoked a political storm yesterday by calling for an early general election and citing the dangerous 16-month deadlock in the Middle East peace process.

Stepping into the political arena, he suggested that a new poll should be held now instead of late 2000. Analysts said his intervention was unprecedented in constitutional history. The call was roundly condemned by right-wing Cabinet ministers.

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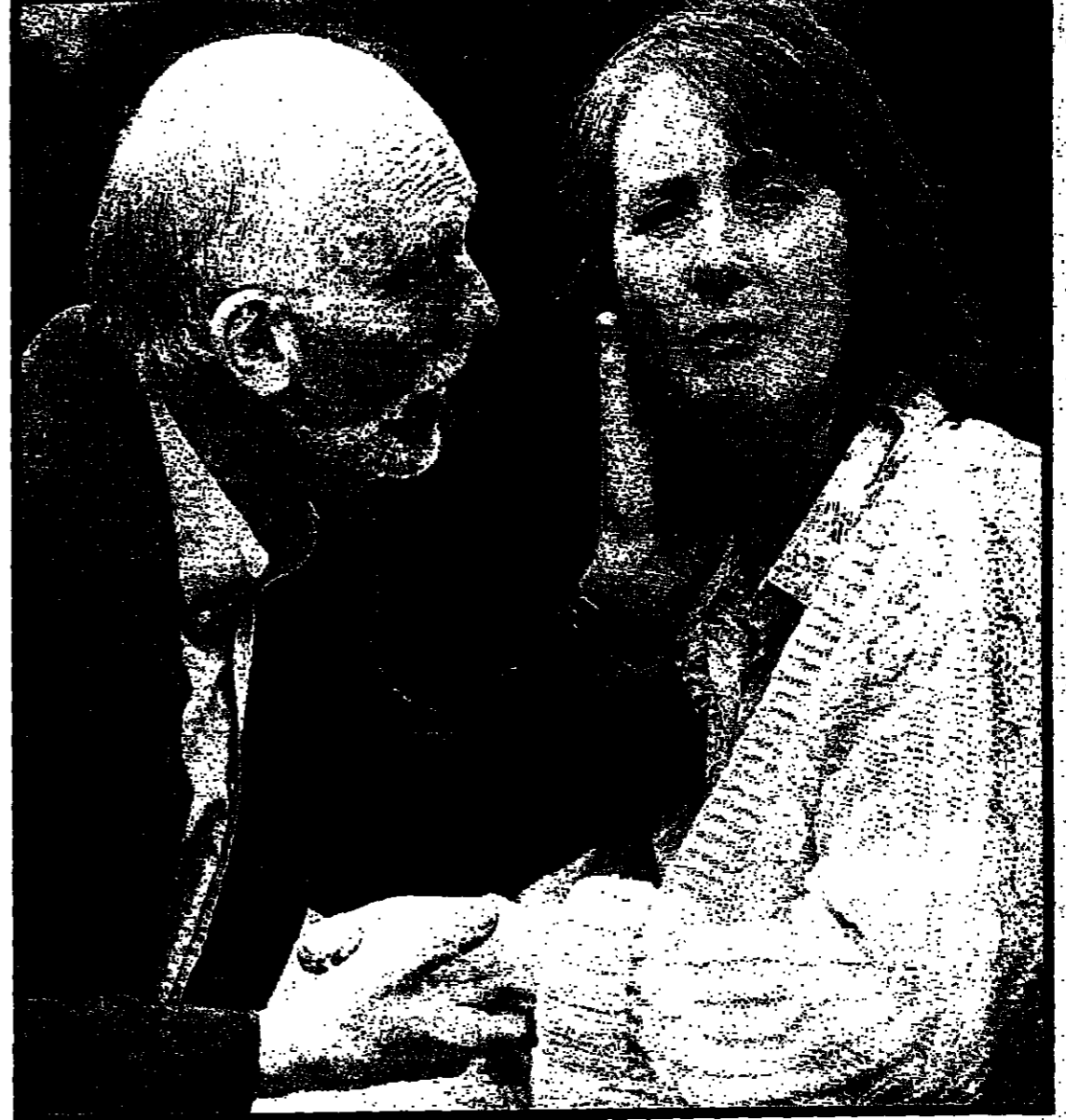
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# 'Grief and trauma caused her mind to fragment'

Alzheimer's not only afflicts the very old. It can start before you are 50. Anjana Ahuja reports.



Alzheimer's cruel march: left, Moira Coggins as a young woman, and, right, today being cared for by her husband David. Moira is now 56 and she has had the disease for 13 years

The television is on, but not one of the dozen people in the large drawing room notices. Apart from the occasional cough and inexpressible giggle, they sit motionless and quiet on old-fashioned chairs, neatly spaced along the walls.

One woman stands out. She is about 20 years younger than her white-haired companions. Moira Coggins, 56, entered this Blackburn nursing home three years ago, when her husband David could no longer look after her. By then, she had probably lived with Alzheimer's disease for ten years.

"For about five years before the diagnosis in 1990 I felt incredibly lonely, because she wouldn't talk to me," David Lindsay-Coggins says. "I thought it might be depression, something to do with a midlife crisis. Later, she would sit on the bed trying to undress and getting angry. She would seem confused about taking her clothes off. When she could no longer find her best friend's house, I decided to see the GP."

For two years their bedroom was littered with carrier bags stuffed with her clothes — she had grown frustrated at not being able to remember in which drawer or closet she had stored items. David had taken over the cooking and house-keeping, because she could no longer cope. The diagnosis came in 1990, when Moira was just 48. David decided not to tell her. She never asked what the result was and, in

one of her more lucid moments, she said she hoped she didn't have "that awful disease that old people get".

Next week is Alzheimer's Awareness Week. In Britain about 400,000 people suffer from the disease, which accounts for 55 per cent of all dementia cases. What people don't realise, says David, is that the disease rots the brains of the young as well as the old. One in 50 people who develop Alzheimer's does so before the age of 60. To be struck down before 50, as Moira was, is rare and probably happens no more than one in a thousand cases. Early-onset Alzheimer's, as her condition is formally called, is thought to arise from a genetic disorder.

The disease is caused by insoluble plaques on brain tissue. Forgetfulness sets in, followed by more serious memory loss and an inability to move around familiar places. The final stage is the most horrifying — the sufferer is robbed of his or her last mental faculties, even language, and personality fades away. They no longer appear to recognise their families. They can become demanding and unpleasant, or withdraw into themselves. Because the disease affects the central nervous system, double incontinence is an undignified certainty. The emotional and physical burdens become so great that loved ones like David often have little choice but to leave the caring to the professionals. Since Moira left their com-

fortable semi-detached home in Blackburn, David, 54, has poured his energies into raising awareness about the disease. He gives talks to Alzheimer's support groups around the country — his message is that it is not a mental disease, and sufferers should not be stigmatised. Instead, they should be shown unconditional love, care and compassion. "When I attended my first support group meeting, I was struck

(*May Our Inspiration Raise Awareness*). He tries to accomplish one Alzheimer's-awareness task each day. A film production company wants to make a documentary on his and Moira's life: he is trying to get his poems set to music. "But every few months I break down," he admits. "Then I get up and start all over again."

Once a talented linguist, Moira has all but lost her speech. During her short meeting, she stares intently at me, as if struggling to place this new face. She looks repeatedly at me, then at David, alternately smiling, frowning, laughing, crying. Later she is gazing ahead, singing "la-la-la" repeatedly at nobody in particular. A matron assures me that I am not distressing her.

David wipes her tears away, strokes her hair and puts a cup of Ribena to her lips. With each sip, she becomes calmer. Now that she no longer shows any interest in going out, David's twice daily visits, which last for hours, consist mostly of hair-stroking and silent, shared jokes. She communicates, says David, with her eyes: the same blue eyes that once, with her high cheekbones, upturned nose and dark hair, made her look like a starlet, and captivated David on their first meeting in 1966. "She seems to enjoy sitting there with her ankles crossed, making quiet noises as if she is talking to the spirits in her own private world. She's quite beautiful to look at."

Irrationally, perhaps, David believes Moira's disease may have had something to do with her difficult life. Their marriage in 1967 was, says David, the happiest event in an existence punctuated by grief: "Everything that could go wrong in someone's life did. Her father died during the last war and her mother died of a stroke just before our wedding." The couple lost two babies within two years — one was stillborn, the other was dead by the time Moira came round from an

emergency Caesarean. They adopted a son and a daughter — Jane, 26, is married and about to start a herbal medicine degree. Matthew, 24, has recently graduated in law.

"It was a happy marriage but profoundly affected by her experiences. On Remembrance Day, she wouldn't want me around," David says. "She would sit on her own and watch the television, in tears, thinking of her father."

"I remember reading a book on Alzheimer's, which had case histories of people who had developed the disease. They all had such sad lives. I can't help thinking that the sum total of grief and trauma caused her mind to fragment." The Alzheimer's Disease Society says that although there is anecdotal evidence that prolonged stress may be a factor, there is no medical evidence.

Strangest of all, David thinks Moira has at last attained a level of peace. "She can only live in the present, so she cannot dwell on the unhappiness in her life. I like to think of her on a spiritual journey." He accepts that this may just be a way of deluding himself that her brain is not disintegrating. But he still believes she has a quality of life. "She sleeps like a baby, loves her food, and is warm and secure. She has a rich vein of unspoken humour — we can roll about the floor laughing. I don't know at what, OK, we can go for afternoon tea in the Ribble Valley but I can do that with friends."

The Alzheimer's Disease Society's helpline is 0845-300 0336

**'Few people live with the disease for more than 15 years'**

by how negative everything was," he says. "I wanted to do something more positive."

He has used his artistic gifts (he recently retired from teaching art) to show how Moira has inspired him. His abstract oil paintings, reminiscent of Edward Munch, have decorated exhibitions and now hang in his home. At the cost of thousands of pounds, he has written and published a book of poems, *As If You Knew*, as a tribute to Moira, using her name as an acronym for his message

## Why coldsores come up when it's blistering

The diagnosis "herpes" has lost some of its terror since the bad old days of the 1970s, when it first became the dreaded disease of American youth — a fear that was later exported to Britain.

The herpes virus that the disco-dancers of the time were worrying about was herpes simplex virus type 2, often — and misleadingly — referred to as genital herpes. In fact, it can affect many other parts of the body, and is only one of eight herpes viral infections that doctors have identified as causes of common conditions ranging from coldsores, chickenpox and glandular fever to such comparatively rarities as Kaposi's sarcoma and human herpes type 6, which has recently been shown to be responsible for exanthema subitum in children, often in the past described as roseola infantum — a transient rash and high temperature from which the patient recovers spontaneously.

The start of July should usher in sunnier, if slightly cooler, weather. It will also herald the start of the holiday season, when people who are normally protected from the elements expose their skins to the sun and drying winds. The result will be that many of those who are susceptible to herpes simplex virus type 1, the common coldsore, will develop the classic symptoms on their lips, faces and, very occasionally, eyes.

Herpes types 1 and 2 manifest themselves in broadly similar ways: itching and discomfort is followed by

reddening and blistering of the skin or mucous membrane. The blisters rupture, leaving an ulcer that crusts over before healing. The pain depends on the site: some areas are obviously more sensitive than others but herpes can also be painful if there is little subcutaneous tissue — on the ear or nose, say.

The *Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London* has reviewed the treatment of the various herpes afflictions. Five antiviral agents are used: Zovirax aciclovir, Valtrex valaciclovir, Cymevene ganciclovir, Vec-

tavir penciclovir and Foscavir foscarnet. The first two preparations are the ones likely to be in your medicine chest: the others are used for more exotic infections, particularly ones causing complications in patients whose immune systems are compromised, such as those with HIV.

People who have recurrent herpes simplex of the lips, face or genitalia are aware of the factors that tend to encourage an outbreak in their own case, yet even then simple precautions are not always enough. Increasingly, antivirals are prescribed and taken regularly before the sores appear. And it would seem a

good investment for someone who is spending hundreds of pounds on a holiday to spend a bit more and obtain the pills that would prevent a herpes outbreak. Outbreaks of genital herpes are also triggered by external stimuli, such as sunlight, emotional stress or minor physical trauma (a new sexual partner may inspire both of the last). Herpes is also more common during menstruation. In all eight forms of herpes viral infection, any reduction in the patient's resistance results in a more violent, and in some instances, dangerous or disabling outbreak.

Racial herpes, particularly around the mouth and nose, often accompanies a high temperature, especially in cases of pneumonia, meningococcal meningitis, malaria or, of course, flu. Forty years ago, an excess of chocolate, grapefruit or nuts was deemed capable of triggering an attack.

Chickenpox can be unexpectedly severe in adults, and so it is now routine procedure to administer large doses of aciclovir to them immediately. Patients who are immunocompromised or who suffer from conditions such as severe eczema are given similar treatment.

Many patients suffer more than they need do from shingles, which should immediately be treated with Zovirax aciclovir, Valtrex valaciclovir or Famvir famciclovir. The secret is to treat the patient within 72 hours of a rash appearing, because this reduces the chances of persistent pain.

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# The lookalike lovers

Bruce Willis, recently separated from Demi Moore, has been linked to a girl who bears a striking resemblance to his wife when young. Jason Cowley explains why so many men, from the Duke of York to Rod Stewart, are attracted to women who remind them of partners they once loved.



Demi Moore

Bruce Willis has been romantically linked to a young waitress bearing a striking resemblance to his estranged wife, Demi Moore. He met Michele Hoyt in a bar in Hailey, Idaho, and was immediately entranced by her, according to *The Sun*, explaining to friends that she reminded him of "someone special" — his wife, as it turned out.

"Michelle looks just like Demi when Bruce first fell in love with her," says one of Willis's close friends. "Maybe he saw something in her that went missing from his marriage."

Why aren't we surprised by this story? Well, from Rod Stewart to the Duke of York, Clark Gable to Robert de Niro, contemporary culture is full of examples of men who are attracted to lookalike lovers, women who remind them of partners they once loved before their

lives became confused, before the sheen of romance was tarnished by familiarity, even contempt. "It is as if these men, by choosing lookalike lovers, are seeking to recover a former happiness, to return to a time before their wives became old or ill or just different," says Dorothy Rowe, the clinical psychologist and writer.

Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo* is a complex psychological study of this very subject. A private detective (James Stewart) is hired to shadow the disturbed wife of a businessman. The woman (Kim Novak) disappears for long stretches of each day and her husband fears she may kill herself. Stewart follows her and slowly falls in love with her.

One afternoon, after an argument, she apparently falls to her death. The detective is devastated by his loss, and his acute melancholia lifts only when he meets the dead woman's double, whom

he obsessively asks to dress and act as his lost love did.

We understand and are moved by the plight of Hitchcock's detective because his behaviour is everywhere reflected in our daily lives. When we see Prince Andrew stepping out with flame-haired Aurelia Margaret Amhurst Cecil, who eerily resembles his divorced wife, the Duchess of York, or look at pictures of any of Rod Stewart's wives or girlfriends, each of whom looks like a younger model of the one before, we realise how subject to type many of us are.

John Derek, the Hollywood director who died last month, is another in the Stewart mould. Three of his wives — Ursula Andress, Linda Evans and Bo Derek — were uncannily similar, as if Derek was producing them from a patent in a laboratory in the cellar of his Hollywood mansion.

Peter Townsend, whose intense love affair with Princess Margaret was thwarted by royal protocol, eventually married Marie-Luce, a Belgian heiress with an unmistakable look of... well, Princess Margaret. Even Henry VIII's six wives appear to share a family resemblance — but that, perhaps, has more to do with the unpredictable quality of Tudor portraiture and fashion.

"We have physical preferences which stem from childhood," says Jose Spencer, a psychotherapist. "But men are more influenced by this than women. Men are more directed by the need for sexual gratification."

But it is not always sexual gratification men seek. There is companionship and a sense of ease and familiarity, too. Ian McCaskill, the BBC meteorologist, spoke at the weekend of how much the character of his new wife reminds him of

his late first wife Lesley. Clark Gable, perhaps the definitive Hollywood matinee idol, spent many years, after the death of Carole Lombard recklessly searching for a woman who shared her rough, earthy humour. When he eventually found Kay Williams, Gable had five years of happiness before dying suddenly after filming *The Misfits*.

Dorothy Rowe suggests the explanation for such behaviour lies deep in our psyche. "For most of us, the pattern that establishes the kind of person we are attracted to is laid down early in life. We may be attracted to something we first saw in our parents; or, if we had a traumatic childhood, perhaps we choose a partner who is nothing like our parents. My feeling, observing a friend who married a younger woman who was just like his dead first wife, is that, as we get older, we seek the familiar."

As for Bruce Willis, 43, Rowe feels he is exhibiting all the "symptoms of middle-aged panic", an existential panic induced by fears of redundancy and physical deterioration — which can take grotesque forms and usually ends in the break-up of a marriage. "Bruce is getting on a bit," she says. "Like a lot of men, he might feel that he has played all his cards, seen what his future is going to be and wants something to change; the perfect moment to rush off with a younger woman."

Yet Willis is, in many ways, paying Demi a kind of backward compliment. There is something about her that he once loved and wants to recapture. If only she had not appeared silicone-enhanced in *Striptease*, if only she was like she used to be when he met her, if only, in short, she was still young. Poor happy Bruce.

## Racism — the English disease

SO, ENGLAND and Argentina are about to go to war. Again. The media, unable to restrain themselves, have been liberal with jingoistic references about tonight's match, and by this evening we shall know whether the fans have followed a similar line.

The British police are worried that St Etienne's bars are

remaining open until 11pm. However, having spent last weekend with English football fans in Ostend, I believe that drunkenness is only a symptom, not the cause, of England's shame.

I was prepared for sweat for fat men, and even for the vomit which clogged the gutters alongside the shattered

glass from the vandalised town. What I was not prepared for was the spew of racial hatred from the mouths of my countrymen.

Before last weekend I would have said that alcohol tips the natural high-spiritedness of the crowd into the aggressive bad temper of mob rule. But this is not a convincing explanation. Other nations, even the more violent ones such as America, can go abroad, watch sport and get drunk without finishing off the evening dripping blood on to the floor of a foreign police cell after vicious attacks on North Africans.

Yet for the English abroad alcohol acts as a truth drug, exposing the racism otherwise concealed under our national strip of reserve. On holiday from reason, this kind of fan gets to wear his team shirt and show his true colours.

Once inside the only bar in Ostend which tolerated our fans, I needed to have a drink just to dull the sheer pain of embarrassment at being English. Men grabbed the waitress by the arm, demanding beer in pints and smashing their glasses on the floor when given continental measures. Others talked of how bad the foreigners smelt; how the English were the only race not made of "mongrel

darkies". Then the chanting began. "I'd rather be a Paki than a Jock" they shouted, followed by a rousing X-rated version of *Rule Britannia*. Next was "If you hate the Germans clap your hands", followed by the still more direct "fight, fight, fight".

They were not completely stupid; by watching so much football these men (and they were all men) had picked up the rudiments of playing as a team. The pitch was the street they fanned out but stayed in close contact, in no doubt about who was the enemy side — anyone who was not white, though any foreigners who remonstrated were a welcome diversion.

I ended up at the seafront, looking out in the direction of the British coast. Before long, I made out two white bodies bobbing in the water trying desperately to climb out on to Belgian land.

They were naked British fans, too drunk to stand, who would clamber halfway up the harbour wall, before slithering back down into the water, covering themselves in blood and seaweed.

I don't think they have yet pulled themselves out of the mire.

HELEN RUMBELOW

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**VISUAL ART:** Richard Cork admires the journey of Patrick Heron to youthful old age in a retrospective at the Tate

## Colourful career of a Cornish crusader

The contrast could hardly be more extreme. In one room at the Tate, Lucian Freud the dictatorial realist continues to scrutinise human figures marooned in stark, subdued interiors. Elsewhere in the same gallery, though, Patrick Heron jettisons representation and asserts a defiantly joyful vision. He indulges in a high-keyed, sensuous celebration of the outdoor world, abstract enough to let colour take on an intoxicating life of its own.

Heron was so precocious that he harboured, even at the age of three, the urge to be a painter. His love affair with Cornwall, where he still lives in a primordial, sea-fringed landscape near St Ives, began in 1925. His family moved down there when his father took over a silk blouse firm in Newlyn. Astonishingly sophisticated pastel studies by the young Heron disclose his early infatuation with the coast. But the Tate retrospective, limited to paintings alone, begins in the late 1930s. Cézanne, Bonnard and Matisse were now his heroes. Based in Welewyn Garden City, where he made flamboyant designs for his father's new firm, Cresta Silks, Heron became enthralled by modern French art.

His earliest paintings in the show, however, are unexpectedly gloomy. His appetite for colour was not stimulated by interwar urban life. A 1937 view of *Bogey's Bar* is dark and melancholy. Only in the distance, where the sun suddenly illuminates a pink façade across the road, can Heron's innate *joie de vivre* be glimpsed.

Later the same year, he entered the Slade School of Art. Heron was soon appalled by the reactionary mood of an institution where even Picasso was ignored. Another 1937 painting, the austere *Table, Window and Chair*, shows how intelligently Heron had absorbed the influence of Matisse at his most rigorous, although its reliance on black and grey gives no hint of Heron's hedonist. Chilled by the puritanical conservatism of English culture, he virtually gave up painting for a decade.

After registering as a conscientious objector during the Second World War, the asthmatic Heron became seriously ill with pneumonia while digging ditches in the Fens. He was rescued by Bernard Leach, who asked him to help out at the renowned Pottery in St Ives. But even here, encircled by the sea, land and sky that would invigorate his art later on, Heron remained uncertain of himself as an artist.

Perhaps his growing involvement with criticism held him back for a while. His country's philistinism enraged him so much that he became a crusader in print, writing impassioned articles on Braque and other masters ignored by the English. He was aghast when the Tate Gallery failed to prevent the export in 1945 of his favourite Matisse, a sublime canvas called *The Red Studio* that had inspired him in a downstairs room at the Redfern Gallery during the war years. So he grew into an eloquent polemicist, fighting in print for a greater understanding of the modern European movement.

Herbert Read warned him against writing about art: "For a painter," Read said, "it is just not done in this country." But Heron went ahead and championed the artists he admired, lauding Matthew Smith and Ivon Hitchens while railing against what he called "the terrible British weakness... for doing little drawings and colouring them in".

During the early 1950s, his own painting gradually acquired the breadth he savoured in other artists. Once Heron realised that his instincts lay with the decorative, he cast inhibitions aside and cultivated voluptuousness. Simple arrangements of fruit and domestic objects, ranged in wide, frieze-like rows on the flat picture-plane, were bounded by wobbly lines loose enough to liberate the colours within. On a monumental scale, a certain stiffness entered into his 1951 celebration of a family group on Christmas Eve. But a tidal energy flows through it, and within the smaller confines of a still life as delectable as the 1955 *White Table* he learnt how to paint with greater aplomb and economy than before.

Only after he moved with his wife and children to Cornwall did Heron really take wing. The year was 1956, when young playwrights became angry and Pop Art prophesied at a pioneering London exhibition called *This is Tomorrow*. But down in Eagles Nest, the house Heron bought at Zennor near St

Ives, he rediscovered his boyhood rapport with the natural world. Until then, his paintings had been largely confined to domestic subjects. Now, he found himself captivated by the landscape surrounding his new home: prehistoric boulders punctuate the garden, where azaleas and carnellias flourish in gaudy profusion.

Heron's work quickly gained a new assurance. In *Azalea Garden*, he seems to press our vision close up against the rioting blooms. They blur with the force of the luminosity penetrating their petals. The artist's surging energy and excitement can be felt in each impulsive stroke of the brush, and in other garden paintings he allows the wet pigment to run freely down the canvas surface. The headlong quality of these marvellously ecstatic pictures still pulses from the walls.

Heron had been emancipated, at the age of 30, and his new freedom enabled him to respond, far more warmly than most English commentators, to the advent of Pollock, Rothko and other American Abstractionists at a Tate exhibition that year.

Not that Heron won a sympathetic response when the results of his Cornish breakthrough were displayed in London. The garden pictures had led him, in 1957, to a still more audacious sequence of stripe paintings. Most, by executed in horizontal bands, they seemed radically abstract in their assertion of sweeping brushmarks and incandescent colour. In reality, the stripe series remained fundamentally allied to Heron's involvement with his elemental surroundings at Zennor.

Some of the titles admit to such a springboard, with their references to *Ochre Skies* or *Atmospheric Strata*. But when the Redfern Gallery put the stripe canvases on show in 1958, they were derided by many reviewers. Even the gallery's owner, Rex Nan Kivell, decided to condemn the work. He closed the exhibition after only three days, prompting the indignant Heron to join the newly opened Waddington Gallery on the other side of Cork Street.

However much he was vilified for his "fatuity" in exploring an abstract language, Heron did not

allow himself to be deflected. He had found his métier. Stripes gave way to ovals, circles and lozenges of soft, glowing colour. Working with greater gusto on a large scale, he evokes a world dominated by the primal presence of the sun's disc, a flower's heart or the grandeur of an ancient, looming boulder. But Heron does not insist on any overt links with the observable world. His paintings create their own reality, and it is consistently lyrical.

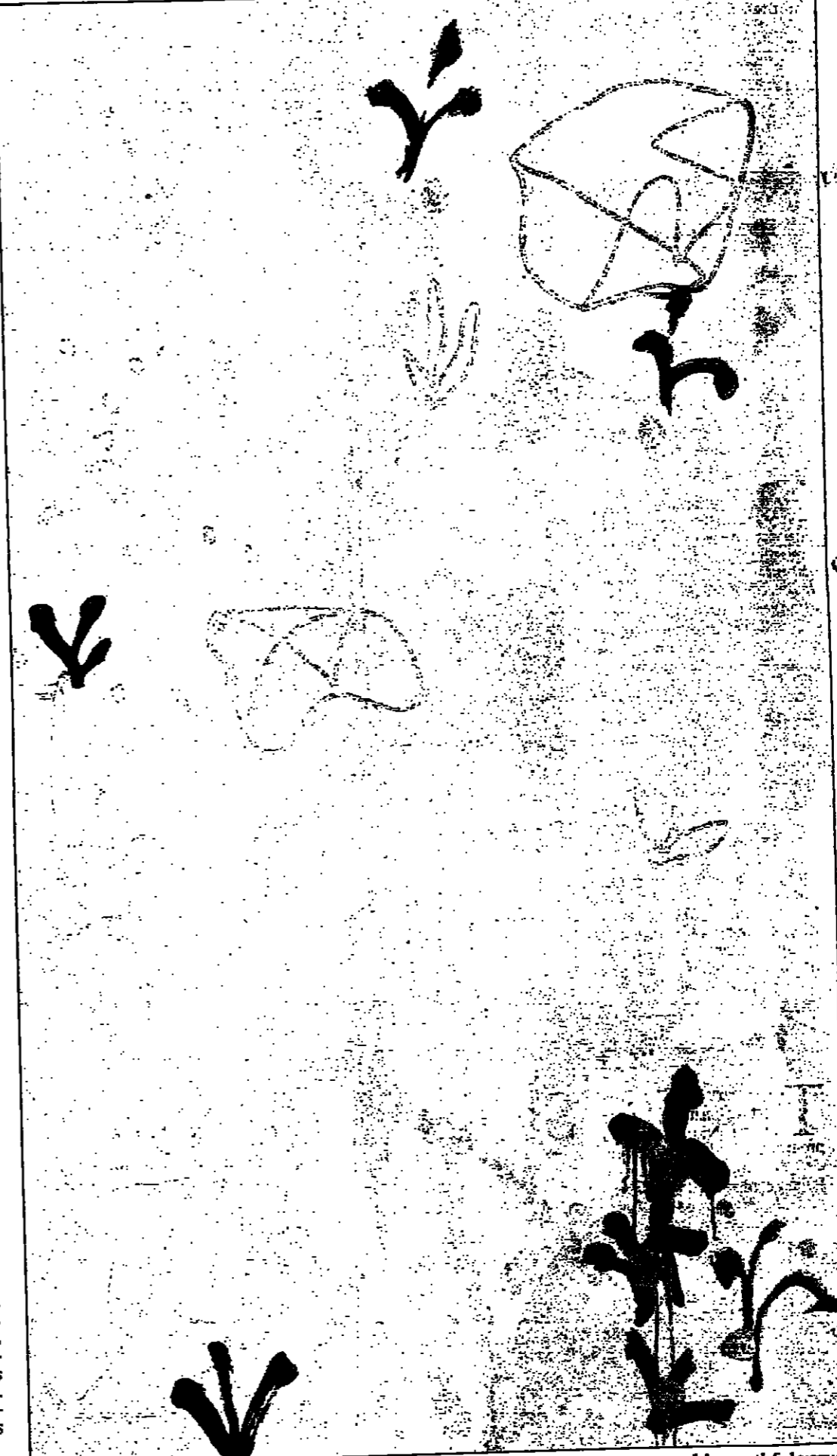
When his fighting instincts are roused, by a threat to the future of art colleges or the beloved countryside of west Cornwall, Heron can be a formidable, militant campaigner. In his studio, though, the pacific side of his complex temperament prevails. The mood is exultant, especially in the immense, hot-coloured canvases of the mid-1960s, where he brings oranges and reds into a fiery fusion.

As his canvases grew ever larger, extending at times to a panoramic width of 15ft, Heron grew more meticulous in his execution. The old spontaneous wielding of heavily loaded pigment paradoxically gave way to painstaking work with Japanese watercolour brushes. He spent long hours labouring carefully on a single section of a picture, determined to preserve the crisp contours of his increasingly hard-edged forms.

At their boldest, these fanatical paintings have a clangorous impact: the overwhelming *Big Cobalt Violet* of 1972 shouts out its festive, fluorescent colours while allowing acrobatic forms to fling themselves across the colossal expanse of space. By the late 1970s, however, the hair's-breadth precision of his technique had hardened into rigidity. He needed to break free again, and in the next decade he took up big brushes once more.

Since then, his mark-making has become ever looser and more effervescent. The best of these sprawling late canvases have the sensual abandon of my favourite Heron paintings from the late 1950s. Sometimes they seem too hectic, but the two *Sydney Garden* paintings of 1989-90 are as irresistible as anything he has done. Fervent, impetuous and unfailingly optimistic, Heron in youthful old age offers a tonic to even the most jaded eye.

Patrick Heron at the Tate (0171-887 8000) until Sept 6



Patrick Heron's 4-5 September 1996. His effervescent later canvases recapture his youthful verve

He was captivated by the landscape around his new home

IN THE vaulted gloom of the Slaughterhouse Gallery, laser artist Chris Levine turns science into a new art form in a flagship show from the City of London Festival. Levine strips light down to a minimalist purity. A holographic portrait of Noel Gallagher captures the Oasis star with astonishing hyper-real clarity; Kylie Minogue appears in perfect, puting illusion. In the past, Levine has put his pioneering techniques to money-spinning use for the music and fashion industries, but now he focuses his talents more artistically.

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THE massive fibreglass and metal sculptures of Sam Hagarty are most familiar

from nightclub installations and carnival floats. But where he was aiming at brush, acid imagery before, his work is now more thoughtful in mood. In *General Custer*, a vast scuttling hand, mounted by a booted mechano-general and

Seago's *Thames Barges at Twilight*: showing at Blains

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Tramshed, 132 Rivington St EC2 (0171-834 7767) from July 3 to July 11

SOME fine figurative painters have emerged from Scotland in recent years - not least Stephen Conroy and Craig Mulholland. This show presents four more. Alan King plays with medievalism and pastiche in patterned scenes, while Graham McKean plays with a Beryl Cookish humour. Stuart Gaither casts Vermeer's lamp over gritty, grubby contemporary narratives while there is a more romantic mood to the work of Iain Faulkner. All are easy to enjoy, and clearly popular - half of them were sold on opening night.

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# The English are right: let Scotland go

## Michael Gove's heart is in the Highlands - but not his head

As a former Sunday school teacher, I never thought I would find the cross distasteful, but two years ago I found it positively disturbing. It was during the 1996 European Championships that the red bars of the flag of St George emerged from the protective embrace of the Union Jack to flutter from a thousand cabs. Seeing its stark colours made me feel much as I imagine the Saracens did when they saw it on Crusaders' breasts. Scared.

As a Scot brought up to believe that my parents in Aberdeen and my Prime Minister in London were the same nationality, it was disconcerting to find myself suddenly a stranger in what I thought was my country. Like a Russian soldier left behind in Central Asia after the collapse of the Soviet Union, I saw myself as an alien. When I first saw the English flag pointed on a fan's face, I knew it was the marking of a tribe of which I could never be part.

Instinctively, I regretted this; I felt it was supplanting a British identity which was tolerant, plural and rooted in shared institutions. I detected a raucous, exclusive and ethnic tinge to this new nationalism. A Scot like myself, a son of the Commonwealth such as Darius Howe and an emigré from Eastern Europe such as Isiah Berlin could all be Britons, but none of us would qualify as English.

### The cry for St George is no longer restricted to the terraces

I thought our shared island story in Britain was a seductive narrative. Valour and compassion, the Few and the National Health Service, were values and episodes woven into the fabric of a Union Jack. I thought the stirrings of English nationalism, at Wembley and in Westminster, were summer storms which a clearing of the political air might end.

Two years on from Euro 96, the flag of St George flies from a million more windows and I find my attitude subtly different. I am still incapable of being moved by it as my neighbours are. Although I want the Hand of God to grasp the World Cup, it is more because that would make my friends happy than delight me.

The difference now is that I find it difficult, agonisingly difficult, to make the case for the Union to those disposed to assert their English nationalism. The cry for England and St George is not restricted to the terraces. Ken Livingstone and Jeffrey Archer make common, and coherent, calls against over-subsidised Scotland and their economic arguments find an answering call in the breasts of many Tories.

Now, when English friends of a Conservative disposition make the case for a velvet divorce between England and Scotland, their arguments are brutally forceful. Why, they ask, should English taxpayers continue to receive less for their money than Scots? Why should Scotland enjoy smaller class sizes and shorter waiting lists? Now that the Scots have their own assembly with its own, albeit limited, tax-raising

powers, why should they be guaranteed the same generous subvention from the Treasury? Scotland is, relative to England, more prosperous and less populous than ever, yet the Barnett formula fixes in perpetuity ten-eighths of public expenditure for north of the border. Indeed, because of the way in which the public spending round works imminent cuts in defence and more money for health and education will disproportionately benefit Scotland.

And although my English friends continue to pay over the odds for the pleasure of this partnership, they feel their generosity is repaid with rank ingratitude. An NOP poll at the weekend suggested that 45 per cent of Scottish school pupils felt "a little" antipathy towards England and 30 per cent "a lot". The English were "arrogant, ill-mannered, aggressive and untrustworthy". When England lost to Romania last week, it was to the sound of Glasgow voices cheering on Petrescu and remembering Bannockburn.

For my Conservative acquaintances there is another reason to seek separation. It might be called the Westphalia question, for it touches on the way in which sovereignty may pass from the City to Frankfurt while England sleeps.

What would happen if Scottish votes in a referendum tipped the balance in favour of a single currency while England voted against? In a close-run contest, overwhelmingly pro-European Edinburgh might tip the scales in favour of the monetary union. Why should the Scots have the right to abolish sterling? If Paris was worth a Mass, then the pound is worth a divorce. Let Scotland become independent so that England can stay independent.

The final argument of my English Tory friends is couched more in sorrow than in anger. They insist that they wanted the Union to survive but the Scots insisted on a form of devolution which was inherently unstable and unfair. As long as the English Exchequer underwrites Scotland's politicians they will never be properly accountable. Only if they have to raise all the money they wish to spend will the political culture mature, and a proper right-of-centre party revive in Scotland.

As I contemplate these arguments, the despair I felt when I first saw the cross of St George grows all the deeper; I now confront a settled intellectual disposition, and not just a passing restiveness. I will continue to defend the Union. I hope that the quiet decency of Donald Dewar will bring my countrymen to their senses and I pray that the English nationalism of my Tory friends will be stilled by an appeal to shared traditions. But I fear that my arguments for the Union pitted against the English nationalism case are like the Scottish defence facing Brazil. They are noble, they stir the heart, but they are simply overwhelmed.



"I COUNTED THEM ALL OUT & I COUNTED THEM ALL BACK..."

# This was a baby too far

## However deep may be the sympathy for Mrs Blood, a dying man was violated to create her child

This is one which I tried very hard not to write. From 1995 to 1997, while Mrs Diane Blood fought a legal battle over her "right" to use her dead young husband's sperm, this columnist lay doggo and tried not to get involved. For one thing, Mrs Blood was newly bereaved, at a stage of married life when widowhood is a viciously cruel trick for fate to play.

For another, she was in the grip of an obsessive determination to have the child that she and Stephen Blood had meant to have in his lifetime. I ducked the issue. It is notoriously difficult for women with naturally hostile children to make any decision she could easily make, because they had both planned to have children.

But in those happy days when they were choosing names, we must assume that her husband believed that his children would come from lovemaking, in their own time, and that he would be alive to welcome and protect them. In such discussions no normal couple in good health would ever have covered such an eventuality as this: the onslaught of violent meningitis, his sudden descent into coma, and the recovery of semen on his deathbed through invasive electrical stimulation.

It is easy enough for a wife to say "I knew him best, and he would want it". But with all respect (and speaking as a wife myself) I think that this takes marital rights a long way beyond decency. The dying hours are a mysterious and private land, to be respected. In every great culture dying words, dying wishes, dying comfort have been regarded as having power and mystery. To insult somebody on their deathbed is an abomination: even doctors in casual wards often hate the violence of resuscitation treatments, and step back for a moment of silent respect when they finally give up. There was a profoundly moving story told recently in court, of a couple who found a stranger, a boy, dying of knife wounds as they walked home. They held him in their arms and spoke loving words, and when he got home the man could not even bear to throw away the water that rinsed his bloodstained shirt. He poured it onto

a growing rose-bush, as an instinctive gesture of respect for the boy's dying body.

Moreover, even in coma there may be a good deal of awareness. It is barely a week since we watched on television a man called Herbie dying in his wife's arms, valued and beloved and filmed with a real sense of awe by Lord Winston's television crew. There was a lot of outrage expressed over that dignified and fully consensual programme, with commentators trumpeting about the BBC descending to "snuff movies"; yet very few voices spoke against the brusque, invasive procedure to grab the sperm from another dying man.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority did its best to create a pause for thought, only to be overcome in the Court of Appeal by a technicality about citizens having treatment in other European member states. As far as lay opinion goes, Mrs Blood won broad public sympathy. Gender politics probably has much to do with this, including the long-established - and to my mind insulting - social assumption made by the fertility industry that male genetic material is something it is perfectly OK to trade for money and even advertise in catalogues.

For all the social prestige of the male, sperm get very little respect. Reverse the genders, and it is hard to imagine a man getting similar sympathy if he asked doctors to cut open his unconscious wife and whip out her eggs (although in America some parents - even more dubiously - had a 14-year-old girl's ovaries removed after a road accident in the hope of one day growing her baby elsewhere. Anything is possible if we go on down this road).

The problem is, as usual, not only that medicine has overtaken ethics, but that the search for a new ethic has been muddled by sentimental kindness and the post-Christian convic-

tion that we have only one life, and are entitled to go for anything we want. Sometimes the advances of medicine are easy to fit into a new ethic when transplant surgery began, the danger of exploitation was obvious, and civilised countries legislated against the trade of organs (though I see there is a movement here now to make it legal for the poor to sell a kidney to the rich). Sometimes the problems are economic: we have extended the human lifespan so much that we can hardly pay any longer for the diseases of old age. Sometimes the issue is control, as in the question of whether to abort foetuses which carry the gene for late-developing diseases, or to let them have a short life and hope it is a merry one.

Only occasionally do the dilemmas of advancing medicine bring comic relief. Any day now Viagra will be licensed in Britain, and doctors will have the novel task of deciding how far (and for how long) virility is something a man has a right to expect, at a tender age.

The comedy comes from the spectacle of Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, pretending that doctors can easily identify who wants it for "sound clinical reasons", and who has just "lost a bit of zeal" and doesn't deserve it. In this age of recreational and competitive sex it would be fascinating to sit in on a medical ethics committee as it tries to sort out its priorities on that one.

But to return to the troubling cases - the deathbed grabbing of reproductive material, surrogacy, cloning, the sale of human ova and the enabling of old women and dead men to bear babies. The real question is whether, in an age of sentimental moral relativism, we still have enough undisputed common values for the law to be involved at all. The awful answer is that we may not have. Doctors certainly don't. So we may have to throw up our hands and leave reproductive technology entirely to market forces and (in the case of NHS treatments) political expediency.

But without strong common values backed by law, we risk abuses and exploitations as yet undreamt of. And almost always, they will start with a desire not to hurt somebody's feelings. Which is why, with regret, I have probably just done so.

## Libby Purves

# Lordy, lordy

THE ALLURE of office. General Sir Charles Guthrie may already have his hands full as Britain's top soldier but it appears that he is seeking to take on even more burdensome duties. The Chief of the Defence Staff, I gather, has been lobbying Downing Street to make him Lord-Lieutenant of London. The job, one of the most desirable honours posts there is, comes vacant this November when Field Marshal Lord Bramall is expected to retire after 12 years.

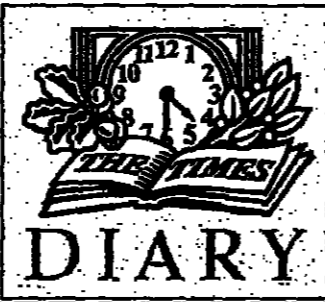
But Guthrie's attempts have, I hear, angered moustachioed sorns within the Ministry of Defence. Hitherto the post has been filled by a former soldier; Bramall had stepped down as Chief of Staff. Not only does Sir Charles have his day job but he is also senior military adviser to ministers carrying out the Strategic Defence Review. Given a choice between running the Armed Forces and entertaining super-powered statesmen passing through London, I know which I would choose.

●HOW childhood dreams are dashed. While growing up, Yvette Cooper, MP, (pictured), the Blair babe posted straight from Central

Casting, fantasised about being the late Ginger Rogers and dancing opposite Fred Astaire. "I used to do ballet and tap classes when I was a child," she tells me. "Ginger was my heroine."

### Get real

SEX has dominated the thoughts of Stephen Bayley since being ousted as Mr Dome. He has now knocked off a treatise on virtual reality sex for the *Erotic Review*. "You could,



that peculiarly English pastime, cricket. I gather that King has demanded time out to meet his idol on his forthcoming trip to Britain to launch his new novel, *Bag of Bones*. The affection does not seem to be mutual. When pressed, Bird could only inquire: "What team does he play for?"

### Raging bulls

A BATTLE has broken out between those two old bulls, Simon Hefler and Bruce Anderson. In a sharp attack in this week's *Spectator*, Anderson describes a fellow commentator - unnamed - as a "venomous ultra-Right columnist" who has ridiculed the marriage of William Hague. I understand that Hefler is his target. And the old carrot-top is cross. "More people dislike Bruce than like him. With that many adversaries, why would he choose to attack me?" As a senior figure at the magazine says: "Bruce thinks Hefler is a psychopath. Hefler thinks Bruce is a psychopath. Both are probably right."

●AFTER my disclosure that Michael Holroyd is logging off the Royal Society of Literature's library, a distinguished member has written to *Diary Towers* to point out that the sale includes five Holroyds - or, put another way,



JEMMA Lynn and Vanessa Redgrave face an uphill struggle to preserve their heritage. The Redgrave Theatre in Farnham, Surrey, built 30 years ago and named in honour of Sir Michael, the family's late patriarch, is threatened with demolition. After going into liquidation with debts of £213,000, it now faces a further blow because the local council is expected to switch Farnham's thespian activities to another venue. Mind you, I would never underestimate the family's grit.

four more than there are Shaws, Becketts or Waughts.

### Count on him

RICHARD WHITELEY, of *Countdown*, has become Mayor of Wewang, the Yorkshire village created the post after Whiteley's jo-

vial offer to become mayor, having built up the village as a cool, cult-like place. "I will take my duties seriously," he says, promising to attend the Pickle and Jam Day. This, I gather, is the most exciting event to hit the village since a minor traffic accident 25 years ago.

JASPER GERARD

# We are not Blair's other face

## Conrad Russell on the tyranny of new Labour

I wish Peter Temple-Morris well in his new life as a Labour MP. Yet I wish he had not justified his decision to join Labour rather than the Liberal Democrats by saying "so much of what... the Liberal Democrats want is now being done by Tony Blair". In this belief, he is mistaken.

What, then, is the Liberal Democrat alternative to Labour? In the first place, we are not "new". We are the only political party with a workable philosophy which has not been superseded by experience. The key to that philosophy is that power must be controlled. It is not self-evident that Tony Blair shares this belief.

Our commitment to constitutional reform, as Paddy Ashdown has often said, is part of our commitment to control power by dispersing it and making it plural. We support the Government's constitutional reform programme in the hope that it will have that effect. This hope could be defeated if constitutional reform is carried through by a Government which centralises its party even while it is decentralising the State.

The paradigm came in Scotland. Mr Blair believes that he can prevent a Labour Fringe Minister of Scotland from using the tax-raising powers of the Scottish parliament. If he succeeds, he will have kept control of Scottish taxation as securely in London as it was before devolution. He will have achieved the chilling claim of his Edinburgh speech during the general election "sovereignty remains with me". No wonder Malcolm Bruce remarked that "the doesn't understand what this devolution business is all about".

Mr Blair has told local authorities: "If you are unwilling or unable to work to the modern agenda, then the Government will have to look to other partners to take on your role." This is something no Liberal Democrat pluralist can go along with.

The difference of philosophies is even clearer over social and economic policy. Our determination to control power is not confined to the power of the State. We are concerned to protect the weak against exploitation by the strong. As Hobhouse observed: "The purpose of coercion by the State is to prevent coercion by the individual." That is why our economic policy has always been based, not just on the market, but on the doctrine of the level playing field. When we see the young denied a proper minimum wage, we see that field tilted to encourage the abuse of economic power.

That is part of why Liberal Democrats are committed to strong public services. There is no market redress against air traffic control made unsafe by underinvestment, or railways unsafe because they are under-maintained. Spending on these things is as much part of the State's duty to protect its citizens as the defence budget. We also believe the introduction of student tuition fees to be a disaster. It tilts the playing field in favour of those from rich families.

We think Labour has no idea how dangerously underfunded most public services are. That is why we think it is urgent to break the taboo on raising taxes. Yet this would not be an answer in itself - what we need most is more taxpayers. But it is forecasted there will be fewer people in work and paying tax at the next election than there were at the last. The cause is Mr Blair's refusal to raise income tax when he needed to mop up excess consumer spending. Instead, he taxed savings through pension funds. The result was that he forced interest rates up instead.

So now we have got a pound well above the level it was at before Black Wednesday, a balance of payments problem, and a looming recession. Without the capacity to raise taxes, there can be no sound economic management.

Where Tony Blair will not spend money, he uses moral exhortation and coercion. That moralism perpetually reaches into other people's business, and shows contempt for pluralism on a small scale as much as on a large one. When he called for football hooligans to be sacked, Adair Turner, of the CBI, had to remind him he had wandered into a legal minefield. The power to sack is necessary when shared between many thousands of hands. Concentrated in the hands of one Prime Minister, it is tyrannical.

Prime Ministers should not try to run other people's families. When Mr Blair issues parenting orders and antisocial behaviour orders, decides which single parents ought to go out to work, or which teenagers are entitled to leave home, he is outside his element. The gentleman in Downing Street does not know best.

Whether in the management of Woodhead or in the intrusions of Chris this moralistic urge to run other people's business is usually a substitute for spending money. A party governing by moralism is doubly different from a party dedicated to individual liberty. State to create the opportunity for it, Mr Blair is not doing "so much of what we want". He is not even going in the same direction.

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## SMALL LEAPS FORWARD

Open debate will cement the US-China relationship

Bill Clinton knows more than most about the importance of political presentation. The Chinese Government has not always shown an equal sensitivity in this area. At the outset of Mr Clinton's tour of China it seemed that his hosts had won the battle of appearances for this trip. The President was clearly uncomfortable as he reviewed Chinese troops at the site of the Tiananmen Square massacre. His opponents at home enjoyed his distress. But Saturday's extraordinary televised dialogue between Mr Clinton and President Jiang Zemin and Mr Clinton's powerful address at Beijing University yesterday have changed the character and tone in a way which will better serve both the interests of the leaders and the delicate relationship between their two countries.

Mr Clinton has correctly sought to engage China and draw it within the international community. But he has often pursued the right policy in an inconsistent and incoherent fashion. His powers of persuasion, normally so effective, have deserted him on this issue. He has left the impression that commercial imperatives alone shape his approach towards China. Americans have rarely found a foreign policy based on pure *realpolitik* attractive. As a candidate in the 1992 elections, Governor Clinton wrapped himself in moral outrage and attacked President Bush for "coddling the butchers of Beijing". In office, he has followed a path indistinguishable from his predecessor and has been no more successful in articulating a moral basis for the policy.

This imbalance has undermined the President's ability to create a domestic consensus for engagement with China. It threatened at one stage to turn this trip into a domestic public relations fiasco. At a late stage, the White House seems to have reconsidered its strategy. Mr Clinton appears to have adopted Ronald Reagan's visit to the Soviet Union ten years ago as a model. On that occasion, Mr Reagan sought to

balance his support for Mikhail Gorbachev with a strong endorsement of American values. His meetings with dissidents, televised remarks and a memorable speech at Moscow University made a dramatic and lasting impact. He also disarmed those within the United States who had accused his Administration of appeasement.

Mr Clinton's decision to speak out on democracy and human rights will immensely strengthen his position when he returns to Washington. His numerous critics — on the Left and Right — have been outflanked by his directness. The fact that the Chinese authorities permitted his words to be transmitted live on television can only entrench the credibility of engagement. President Jiang will also have reaped political benefits from the encounter. Few of his colleagues and potential rivals in the Chinese leadership could have taken on an American President in argument. His willingness to do so implies considerable confidence in his own authority. He made his case, whatever outsiders may think of it, in a coherent and reasoned fashion.

These events have also shed light on political change in China. Despite the disaster at Tiananmen Square, there have been small but positive developments in the past decade. There has been a significant shift away from personal dictatorship towards a formal and rule-based structure. The introduction of mandatory retirement ages and term limits has produced a more professional party elite. The National People's Congress has begun to act as more than a rubber stamp for the Communist Party. There have been several moves to strengthen the legal system. A limited system of elections exists at a local level. China is not about to become a liberal democracy in the near future. However, the changes that have happened are neither inconsequential nor irreversible. They are best encouraged through American engagement with China.

## THE BIG MATCH

Britain and Argentina have come a long way forward

Football, as commentators tirelessly remark, is the pursuit of war by other means. Clauswitz's updated axiom could scarcely have found a more martial example than the clash today in St Etienne. Each side has a stinging defeat to sharpen its supporters' lust for revenge: Argentina on the bleak moors of the Falkland Islands in 1982, and England in the infamous "Hand of God" World Cup quarter final in 1986. Both countries will this evening be gripped by emotions more widespread than any seen in Clauswitz's day. Some ugly faces of nationalism will spit from the screen. But whatever the outcome, on the pitch or in the streets, Britain and Argentina can weather the encounter. For these two countries, once locked in real war, are now the best of friends.

Argentina has been lucky in having a Government and President that are among the best in Latin America. Nine years since the first election of Carlos Menem, it is easy to take for granted the achievements. Inflation, the monster that devoured all post-war governments, has been brought under firm control. The trade unions have been tamed, and Peronism transformed. Market reforms, rapid privatisation and trade liberalisation have been a textbook success. Last year's parliamentary election, giving a big boost to the Opposition, signalled a normalisation of democratic politics. Social disequilibria, the disproportionate influence of Buenos Aires and the slowness and partiality in the delivery of justice remain problems, but ones that the Government recognises and is attempting to tackle.

In foreign affairs, the country has made an extraordinary volte-face. Gone is the posturing anti-Americanism, the prickly Latin pride that could only say no. Argentina is now one of the West's most loyal allies, a

partner with Britain in the Gulf War and in peacekeeping in Cyprus, a dependable voice in the United Nations and a realistic advocate of Latin American free trade. On the all-important issue of the Falklands, the Government has steered a careful course, endorsing the enduring myth of sovereignty claims while in practice conducting a policy of patient good neighbourliness.

All this has earned British respect and friendship. Since the Menem Government lifted the ban on trade, British investment has poured in. Bilateral trade last year reached £736 million, with British exports up 50 per cent in a year, accounting for two thirds of it. Britain and Argentina have managed to negotiate a pragmatic oil agreement, allowing for exploration in the waters off the Falklands while retaining differing views on sovereignty. A long-term fisheries agreement has not yet been concluded, but scientists meet regularly to monitor the conservation of stocks.

For Argentina, reconciliation with Britain is a prime national goal. Partly this is for historic and cultural reasons: Britain, after all, was the dynamo that for a century drove the Argentine economy, and up to 100,000 people claim Anglo-Argentine descent. Partly national pride is at stake: Señor Menem sees acceptance in the Western fold as conditional on the friendship of Argentina's former foe. His official visit here in October, of huge symbolic importance, sets a seal on a process that has already been well prepared by his Anglophile Foreign Minister, Guido di Tella. The relationship is the strongest between Britain and any Latin American country. Emotion runs deep. The cheers and jeers tonight may suggest that we are still at war; but the evidence outside the stadium is of a lasting peace.

## SWORD IN THE SAND

A watery sign that rights are coming home

First there is the financial value of the find reported on page 9 today: the sword found by two anglers in the North Sea has a richly engraved goldenommel and has been valued by an expert (who clearly believes in leading generous margins for error) at between £500,000 and £1.2 million. It is still gleaming after more than 1,500 years — as are the eyes of those who found it with a child's toy metal detector.

And then there is the archaeological value: the finders may be overexcited in claiming that their sword is the discovery of the century. But they sound plausible when they say that such a golden ring sword must have belonged to a king. And a king's sword is a great thing for enthusiasts of how great kings used to live.

But finally there has to be the romance. This is a sword that has come back from the water. And there are few more inspiring British ideas than that. The story of King Arthur is one of the oldest and most patriotic in the land, combining folklore and dotty history in a way that perfectly suits the British character. And at the heart of the matter sits Excalibur, the sword from the stone that must be returned to the water when Arthur dies. "Whoso pulleth out this sword of this stone and anvil is rightwise King born of all England."

It may be objected that Hull is not a site traditionally associated with Arthurian

legend. Pedants may judge that this sword is more likely to have been the property of a warlord of the East Angles or even the Vikings. But Camelot has been located all over Britain from Tintagel to Edinburgh and from Caerleon to Cadbury Castle. And in his time Arthur has played many parts. He was a Christian warlord leading the remnants of the heavily armoured Roman cavalry against the Saxon invaders. Or he was the flawed head of a brilliant chivalric court doomed to be surpassed by the spiritual chivalry of the Grail knights.

The sword from the stone has been rewritten many times, from Malory to Mark Twain and from Tennyson to T. H. White's *The Once and Future King*. Hollywood has recycled the story more often than any other stock theme, from Richard Harris to Danny Kaye. Part of its power lies in the notion that Arthur, the once-and-future king, will come again in time of need. Sir Bedivere lied twice that he had obeyed Arthur's dying instruction to throw Excalibur into the water, before he found the resolution to do what he was told. Who is to say that the "arm, clothed in white samite, mystic, wonderful" did not rise goose-pimpled and fish-scented off Hull to receive the sword? Perhaps the once-and-future sword may be a token that EMU has been cancelled, that football is coming home or of some other welcome restitution of ancient British rights.

## Self-regulation of the professions

From His Honour Judge John Boggis, QC

Sir, Leaving the professions to regulate themselves, as Mr Andrew Colquhoun proposes (letter, June 24), is supportable only if the professions respond openly, fairly and expeditiously to the complaints of the public, and thus fall their professions, because the General Medical Council and the General Dental Council do not so respond.

The GMC does not respond openly because the response of the dentist to the complaint is not disclosed to the complainant; it does not respond fairly because the reason for dismissing the complaint is not given to the complainant; and it is not expeditious because the screening committee only meets twice a year. The GMC says that their procedures are the same as those of the GMC.

Earlier this year I asked the Health Minister, Mr Alan Milburn, to investigate the regulatory function of the GMC: he declined. He is content to let the profession hide behind its statutory protection.

The answer to Mr Colquhoun is that professions devalue themselves if they do not take the public seriously and regulate properly.

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From Professor Neil Kessel

Sir, Mr Andrew Colquhoun, like many others, seems to me not to appreciate the basis on which the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee makes its decisions.

In the mid 1970s, when I was elected to the committee's predecessor (then called the disciplinary committee), the president of the GMC, Sir John (now Lord) Richardson, explained to me that punishment of doctors was no part of its function. Its overarching duty was to protect the public from improper doctors by indicating what standards of conduct were acceptable and, in individual cases, by depriving doctors of their right to practise.

The committee's strivings to achieve a good balance between the public protection and trying to inflict minimal damage to the doctor's own future interests are commendable. But consideration for the doctor always comes second to protection of the public.

That is why many years ago the term "erasure" from the register was substituted for the vindictive "struck off". Vindictiveness does not feature in the committee's decisions. The press, ever free to be vindictive, prefers to use the old term. So do those who buy for changes in the procedures of the GMC without a proper understanding of the committee's responsibilities. Vindictiveness may have popular appeal but it is not admirable.

The conduct committee must first determine whether there has been serious professional misconduct; it then performs an educational task to the whole profession in that respect, for new issues constantly arise. Having found such, it then considers what is best to be done, in the individual circumstances and within its duty of protecting the public.

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From the Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Police Federation

Sir, Earlier this year senior police officers and the Home Secretary focused people's minds on the need to change the police disciplinary system to "bring it into line with other occupations". The police were criticised for investigating themselves and some commentators stated we were the only occupation to do this.

Since then we have had doctors whose patients have died suspended from being doctors and a solicitor convicted of attempting to pervert the course of justice, suspended from practising law for two years (report, June 16).

The medical profession regulates itself, as does the legal profession. When a police officer is dismissed, his or her career as a police officer is finished forever.

Isn't it time the police service had punishments similar to those for doctors and solicitors and brought in suspensions save for corruption and the most serious of offences; or are we the only occupation that reflects the general public's concerns?

Yours sincerely,  
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## No 'second place' for human rights

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, The Home Secretary (letter, June 26), in his reply to Michael Gove's article ("Jack Straw, the law and 1984", June 23), quotes Liberty as saying that the Human Rights Bill is the most important human rights reform since the war. In fact we welcomed it as the most important reform "in the 60 years of Liberty's history" and the Home Secretary is right to criticise Michael Gove for omitting any reference to the Bill which is of crucial constitutional significance. Nevertheless, the general thrust of Michael Gove's article was important.

There are worrying trends in the Government's thinking about human rights. Suggestions that those football supporters who have got into trouble in France should be sacked is just one recent example. Of even greater concern are the antisocial behaviour orders, sex offender orders and child curfews contained in the Crime and Disorder Bill.

There is already expert opinion which suggests that these proposals are likely to lead to violations of the European Convention on Human Rights, which is being incorporated into our law by the Human Rights Bill. Respect for human rights is not something that can take second place, even in situations where the public (or the newspapers at least) are calling for "something to be done".

The previous Government was often advised by its own lawyers that its proposals were likely to violate the rights in the Convention but ignored

that advice. I hope that these examples do not suggest that this approach will be continued by the new Government.

Yours faithfully,  
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From Mr David de Gale

Sir, The process towards Orwell's "thought crime", neatly summarised by Michael Gove, began in the criminal courts in the early 1960s. In my experience as a very junior counsel at that time, Crown prosecutors began to prefer conspiracy charges in cases where proof of the actual offence was difficult to establish before a jury.

As Oxford law students in the mid-1950s we had been assured by our tutors that the offence of conspiracy to commit a crime was as dead as the dodo and that it could be safely ignored for exam purposes. Not so by the time I began practising in the 1960s.

To those convicted on charges of conspiracy may now be added those who are thought not to be able to control their criminal inclinations, such as football hooligans and paedophiles, who have served their sentences.

Here we go again...

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## Fairness of Louise Woodward trial

From Professor Richard D. Friedman

Sir, Sir Brian Bardsley is certainly correct (letter, June 23) that it is very plausible, even probable, that Judge Zobel would have preferred an outright acquittal of Louise Woodward. But the judge's opinion on the facts is a matter of little significance, except to the extent that he must determine whether a reasonable jury could reach a verdict of guilt. And this he plainly did, declining opportunities both before and after the verdict to prevent the possibility of a conviction: the Supreme Judicial Court as well reviewed the evidence and concluded that the verdict was supportable.

Sir Brian shares the feeling of much of the British public — and many Americans as well — that the verdict was inaccurate. He may well be right. But the opinion of the clinicians who treated Matthew, and of the many paediatricians who concluded that this was a standard case of death arising from a recently caused injury, is entitled to some weight. A jury, charged with determining facts in dispute, will always disappoint partisans on one side or the other; this does not mean that it has failed in its duty.

The extent of the pretrial publicity was not nearly as great as one would suspect by viewing the case from Britain. As to the effects of such publicity, it is helpful to heed the reminder of the English Court of Appeal that "the staying power and detail of publicity, even in cases of notoriety, are limited" (*ex parte Telegraph plc*, 1993).

Indeed, while the English courts have probably been somewhat too optimistic in concluding that "[the] drama... of a trial almost always has the effect of excluding from recollection that which went on before" (*R v*

*West*, 1996: *R v Kray*, 1969), the basic point is sound: little surprise that Woodward's superb defence — which availed itself of the extensive opportunities provided by the American system of jury selection — did not press the point of prejudicial publicity.

Nor is there any basis other than speculation for concluding that the prosecution's decision to charge Woodward with first-degree murder had any prejudicial impact. The jurors, sensibly, rejected that charge, and it seems to have had little impact on their deliberations or on any decision made by the defence. The suggestion of political motivation on the part of the prosecutors has been much overplayed, trying to lock up a white teenage girl for life for a crime allegedly committed in the privacy of an affluent home is not a big political winner.

I do not mean to suggest that Woodward got a perfect trial; trials, on either side of the Atlantic, rarely are. The judge's decision, later rectified after a fashion, not to submit the manslaughter charge to the jury was bizarre, but that was a decision invited, for valid tactical reasons, by the defence. One looking for unfairness might well begin with the fact that Woodward, through the fortuity of deep-pocketed sponsorship, had representation, in terms of quality and resources, that few defendants on either side of the Atlantic could plausibly dream of having.

Yours etc,  
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## Landlords and tenants

From Mr Neil Garrard

Sir, I have every sympathy with tenants who do not have deposits returned and would support appropriate regulation (letter from the Chief Executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, June 23). However, the CAB's point might be strengthened, or more probably put into perspective, if similar efforts were used for a survey of landlords to find out how many tenants fail to pay their rents, flit by moonlight, vandalise properties or simply leave them in uninhabitable condition. Then there might also be a call for parallel reform to facilitate redress for landlords.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 23.

## Wellington's army

From Mr P. T. C. Reed

Sir, On This Day (June 23) records a letter from Major-General Sir James Wilson, dated June 29, 1813, describing the aftermath of the Battle of Vittoria:

With the light troops I had we pursued through woods and mountains, twenty times our number...

On your letters page of the same day the Reverend Jeremy Collingwood reminds us that the Duke of Wellington described his soldiers after the same battle as unable to pursue the enemy because they were "totally knocked up" by a night of plunder, wine, women and song.

Someone had been at the wine bottle, but who?

Just curious,  
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June 23.

## Extremist vocabulary

From Ms Kate Baden Fuller

Sir, Richard Blackford (letter, June 22) is quite right to draw attention to misleading terminology, such as "ethnic cleansing", which helps to cloud our perceptions of world events. Another unpleasant and misleading wartime euphemism which could happily be abandoned is "comfort women" — women forced (by the Japanese) into prostitution during the Second World War.

In a year when a complete new edition of George Orwell's work is coming out, we could remember one of Britain's foremost journalists by a more accurate use of our wonderful language and call a spade a spade again.

Yours sincerely,  
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June 23.

## Skills for later life

From Mr Mike Griffith

Sir, Each year at this time a debate arises about what to do with pupils after exams have finished. Many fee-paying boarding schools send them home to keep them out of mischief. This incurs the wrath of parents about value for money.

Surely the right solution would be to keep them at school and teach them some practical skills which are not part of the normal school curriculum, but which will help them in their later life.

Your readers will have their own suggestions. Mine would be first aid, car maintenance, self-defence, cookery and presentation skills.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 26.

## Other bugs that confuse computers

From Professor Hugh Tunstall-Pedoe

Sir, Excitement over the impending millennium bug has diverted attention from two other potentially costly and confusing bugs already being disseminated into electronic document files from the Internet.

Although United States customs and immigration, for instance, have latterly adopted the DD/MM/YY (day, day/month, month/year, year) convention, Internet documents are frequently downloaded following the MM/DD/YY convention — a chronic source of annoying ambiguity for 144 days out of 365 in the year (ie, up to the 12th day of each month).

Even more annoying subscribers to at least one major American commercial Internet service in Britain send out e-mail messages within Britain with the US East Coast timezone on them, so that a message sent out at noon BST appears as 0700.

The first bug needs an agreement between the US and the EU or other big players, such as the Group of Seven; if they cannot agree they should spin a coin and standardise on one system or the other. The second demands a regulation that e-mail messages must register the time and time-zone of their origin.

World statesmen may not be able to solve the problems of global warming or depleting fish stocks, but they should at least be able to secure agreement on how to tell the time and the date.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 28.

## Opera House pricing

From Mr John Percival

Sir, What a shame that Mary Allen did not demonstrate in her days at the Arts Council and Covent Garden the radical ideas she now airs in your columns. Her latest discovery ("How to make the opera sing for its supper", Arts, June 24) is what some of us have long said, that the Opera House cannot pay its way because it has too few seats.

The sensible course would have been to build a replacement from scratch instead of patching up the old building; but the management, the board, the Government and the Arts Council all made the wrong decisions and we are saddled with the result.

Ms Allen is wrong, by the way, in suggesting that equal access to the stage for ballet is necessarily pricey. Ballet costs less than opera to present; its adverse effect on past budgets arose only because the Royal Opera could, and did, charge ludicrous prices — and we are told that these are not to be allowed to continue.

Yours truly,  
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June 24.

## Counting the ballot

From Mr Paul Caswell

Sir, The election in Northern Ireland (reports, June 27 and 29) has shown again the total absurdity of our antiquated manual system for counting ballots. Surely, a little National Lottery-type technology could declare such results within seconds and at a fraction of the present cost which forms an increasingly significant drain on local councils' finances.

If elections and referendums are to become more frequent, such change is urgent.

Yours sincerely,  
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June 29.

## Sage of Cricklewood

From Mr J. F. Shircliff

Sir, Thank you for your nice leader today marking Alan Coren's 60th. My one problem with the Sage is that he makes me laugh out loud and this attracts, in public, what my mother used to call "funny looks".

Could you ask him to be more quietly witty?

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN SHIRCLIFF,  
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Rhine Area Support Unit,  
BFPO 40,  
June 27.

## Korens keyboard

From Dr Susan Milligan

Sir, I read with interest and amusement Alan Coren's article (June 24) about the non-functioning letter c on his obsolete Apple Mac!

I have a similar problem with mine, but in this case it is the full stop I have lost! Fortunately the problem only arose after I had completed the text of my forthcoming book, but I am not sure how I am going to punctuate my next piece of writing! The apostrophe has also gone!

Yours sincerely,  
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June 24!



OBITUARIES

LORD RAYNER

Lord Rayner, chairman of Marks & Spencer 1984-91, died on June 26 aged 72. He was born on March 30, 1926.

As chairman of Marks & Spencer, Lord Rayner was one of the most influential figures in British commerce in the late 1980s. Yet he was a reticent man who exercised most of his considerable power behind the scenes...

His rise to the top of the steep managerial ladder of Marks & Spencer was the tougher because he had no family links with the firm. Nor was he Jewish: he was a fundamentalist Christian who read theology at Cambridge and even considered entering the ministry.

The story went that, while he was a trainee in the Oxford Street store, the then chairman, the future Lord Sieff, happened to ask for his comments on how to deal with a crisis that had arisen. He produced a detailed reply that marked him for early promotion.

In 1967 he became a director. His reputation for administrative ability and flair was now well established in the company and beyond. When Edward Heath's Government came to office in 1970, Rayner was invited to advise on the procurement of defence equipment...



Lord Rayner in 1990: as chairman of Marks & Spencer he helped the company to maintain its competitive edge in a complex and rapidly changing market

years. In 1973 his achievements were recognised with a knighthood.

He returned to Marks & Spencer to become joint managing director with special responsibility for overseas activities, for British food operations and for departments other than clothing...

arrived in Downing Street, one of her first acts — after appointing her Cabinet — was to invite Rayner to perform what she saw as a task central to her political battle plan, making him "advisor to the Prime Minister on improving efficiency and eliminating waste in government."

Rayner — who never regarded himself as a politician, although he was "a Tory supporter who believed in a mixed economy" — worked part-time for Mrs

Thatcher with his own small staff of civil servants, based in the Cabinet Office. The arrival in Whitehall of such a forthright and agile mind from outside meant the disappearance of many wasteful practices. The Civil Service provided ample scope for two principles for which his company was renowned: cost-consciousness and an emphasis on the importance to any enterprise of its staff.

Rayner's studies often sounded unsensational — reviewing, for instance, the methods of National Savings in handling correspondence with the public — but they saved some millions of pounds. Simplifying the method of paying unemployment benefit alone reduced the staffing levels by 2,000.

But Rayner had his share of disappointments, too. He failed to persuade the Government to turn his little group into a ministry, which he felt was necessary if

far-reaching reforms were to be made in departmental attitudes to efficiency.

He would have liked to see new procedures relating promotion within the Civil Service more clearly to efficiency. And he became convinced that the Whitehall love of meetings was wasteful. Someone should invent a "meetometer", he once remarked, to enable man-hours spent in meetings to be charged to the appropriate departments.

Rayner left the role of prime ministerial adviser — with a life peerage — at the end of 1982 in order to become chief executive of Marks & Spencer in April 1983. In the following year he became chairman.

It was a challenging time. A suspicion had been growing that the company, which had long been regarded as in a class of its own, needed to break new ground if it was to compete with aggressive newcomers who had appeared in the country's high streets. So a series of major initiatives was launched, such as the M&S charge card, new edge-of-town shopping sites, specialist stores and overseas development of the brand. In an increasingly complex business, Rayner's systems of control helped to maintain the company's position and competitive edge.

Meanwhile, the appearance of the stores was improved. During the 1970s Rayner had been a member of the Design Council and served on the council of the Royal College of Art. Now he emphasised the need for Marks & Spencer to present products attractively to an increasingly leisure-conscious and design-conscious generation of customers.

The business results improved quickly, without any detriment, the chairman insisted, to the company's traditional concern for the welfare of its staff.

Rayner, who retired in 1991, was a bachelor. He served as a trustee of the King George's Foundation and president of St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School. He was a big, genial man of great charm, whose recreations included music, food and travel.

BERNARD RICE

Bernard Rice, artist, died on May 24 aged 97. He was born in Innsbruck on June 29, 1900.

THE death of Bernard Rice deprives Chelsea of one of its last links with an earlier age, when the King's Road was the haunt of the artistic fraternity rather than the fashion shops and multiple stores of today...



Rice: cut his own groove in the wood-engraving world

Rice had established an international reputation in the 1920s through his wood-engravings and woodcuts of Bosnia. His subject matter has recently received some attention, because it provides an invaluable record of the traditional timber architecture and lifestyle of the countryside there...

such as cherry and lime. Although he was known as one of the most prominent engravers of the British school, he was also described as the artist who had broken most of the rules of his art.

Bernard Rice came of a family of artists but both his father and grandfather (each also called Bernard) worked in the medium of stained glass. Rice's grandfather left Birmingham for Munich and he himself grew up in Inns-

bruck, then a city of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. After training in his father's stained-glass studio, he entered the Innsbruck Art School in 1915, specialising in wood-engraving and painting.

In 1919, after the collapse of Imperial Austria and Germany, his family returned to Britain and he transferred to the Westminster Art School and later the Royal Academy School and the Royal College of Art.

Rice spent the second half of the 1920s in Bosnia before moving to Egypt, where he taught. His time in Egypt displayed his mastery of a wide variety of media including oils, all of which he used to portray prewar Egyptian life. He established a name as a portrait painter but also found time to reconstruct the gold canopy of Queen Hetepheris for the Boston-Harvard Exhibition. While in Bosnia he had extended his expertise by studying furniture design and manufacture.

After war work in Cairo during the Second World War, Rice returned to Britain and to Chelsea, where he taught for some years at the Sir John Cass school. Although the art world will remember Bernard Rice as a wood-engraver, his neighbours in Chelsea will recall him as a multi-talented artist, a great raconteur and an eccentric who always succeeded in looking thirty years younger than he was.

His marriage to Mary Ann Bateman was dissolved. There were no children from the marriage, but he is survived by Flora Harvey, his companion of many years.

RUDY NARAYAN

Rudy Narayan, former barrister and chairman and director of Civil Rights UK, died of liver disease on June 28 aged 60. He was born in Guyana on May 11, 1938.

A CIVIL rights activist who was a perennial thorn in the side of the established order of things, especially when it was personified by the police, Rudy Narayan nevertheless found his incendiary speeches sometimes deprecated by those they were meant to benefit. Thus, in 1995, after a fiery speech outside Brixton police station in which he called the police "killers" following the death of a robbery suspect, Wayne Douglas, in custody, the dead man's family themselves deplored the street riot that followed.

This sort of thing does not help," the dead man's sister said afterwards. But Narayan gloried in being a goad, not only to the police, but to his own profession, with which he was incessantly at loggerheads. He was renowned for his unrestrained outbursts in court and was the subject of a series of disciplinary tribunals before he was eventually struck off in July 1994 for professional misconduct. On that occasion he was found guilty of sending a woman a libel writ and a claim for £250,000 damages, knowing that she had already made a complaint to the Bar Council about him, and then offering to withdraw the accusation if she withdrew her accusations.

The tribunal also found that Narayan had received £6,500 in connection with a trial at a Crown Court when it was forbidden because a legal aid order was in force. He was found not guilty on a further seven charges of professional misconduct — an appeal was dismissed.

Narayan had been reprimanded by tribunals on a number of previous occasions, most notably after he had called the Attorney-General of the day and two judges racists. Rudy Narayan was born in British Guyana (now Guyana) the son of Saxe Narayan and his wife Tajiberr. He was brought to Britain at the age of

15 and at the age of 18 joined the Army. For the next seven years he served in the British Army of the Rhine and with Middle East Land Forces, reaching the rank of sergeant. After leaving the Army he read for the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, where he was founder and first president of the students' union. He was also, in 1967, captain of the Inns of Court cricket club.

Called to the Bar in 1968, he almost immediately took on a caseload of civil rights cases, working from his Brixton office where he was founder-chairman of the Lambeth Law Centre which gave free legal advice at thrice-weekly "surgeries".

He was soon making a reputation for himself for his passionate advocacy in race relations cases — and equally for his frequent brushes with his own profession. He had the first of his suspensions in 1974 when he was barred for six months after alleging that Birmingham solicitors, counsel and judges were "racist". In 1980 he was reprimanded for leaking to the press prisoners' letters alleging discrimination by other lawyers, and in 1984 he was suspended for six weeks after accusing mem-

bers of the staff of the Director of Public Prosecutions of racism in the Old Bailey canteen. In the same year he was expelled from his chambers in the Inner Temple after assaulting the chambers' head, Sibghat Kadri, at a conference of the Society of Black Lawyers.

Against these blemishes — which he would anyway have regarded as the normal fallout to be expected from a man ceaselessly striving against injustice — he could set considerable successes in securing acquittals, especially in the trials arising out of the Bristol riots of 1980 and the Bradford petrol bomb case of 1982.

Fed up with his treatment at the hands of the British judiciary, he bade a bitter-sweet farewell to both his adopted country and his profession in 1991, and returned to Guyana. But he was soon back, returning to Brixton in 1994 to set up Civil Rights UK, a round-the-clock free legal service. However, even in Brixton, his advocacy of violence following the death of a black youth in custody was generally regarded as being outrageous and certainly counterproductive. The barrister, who had told protesters in a hastily convened street meeting at the time: "The Brixton police are killers and they will not understand what they have done until one of them has been killed," backed off from this position after the riots had taken place, claiming that "No one could have been affected by my words".

In the event, his downfall had nothing to do with his over-the-top style of civil rights advocacy but with simple malfeasance. Narayan's personal life was as colourful as his court manner and also had him in trouble with the law. A divorced mother of three took him to court in 1987, alleging that he had assaulted her, but withdrew the charges at the last moment.

Narayan had a number of publications to his credit: *Black Community on Trial* (1976); *Black England* (1977); *Barrister for the Defence* (1985); *Black Silk* (1985); and *When Judges Conspire* (1989). He also stood as an independent black candidate in the Vauxhall by-election of 1989. In 1970 Narayan had married Dr Naseem Akbar, but the marriage was dissolved. He is survived by two daughters.



Impassioned and controversial style of civil rights advocacy: Rudy Narayan and a group of his supporters in front of the High Court in 1983

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exceedingly instructive, and it is a thousand pities that more English cars had not entered. OVER THE LOIBL PASS. Through the indescribably beautiful scenery and wild grandeur of the Loibl Pass the cars competing in the Alpine motor test arrived here this evening from Trieste on the last stage but one of this exhaustive trial.

# Judge entitled to RSI conclusion

**Pickford v Imperial Chemical Industries plc**

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn and Lord Hope of Craighead  
[Speeches June 25]

When the trial judge in an action for damages for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by repetitive movements of the fingers was unable to decide from the medical evidence alone what the exact cause of the plaintiff's condition was, he was entitled to consider all the other evidence and to conclude that she had failed to prove her case that her condition was organic in origin and was caused by, as opposed to merely being associated with, typing.

Moreover, an employer was not negligent in failing to warn a secretary who was employed not only for typing but also for other secretarial duties that she should break up her typing work, by rotating it with her other duties in order to avoid any risk of contracting repetitive strain injury (RSI).

The House of Lords so held, Lord Steyn dissenting, when allowing an appeal by the defendant employers, Imperial Chemical Industries plc, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Waite, Lords Justice Swinton, Thomas dissenting) (The Times August 15, 1996; [1997] 1 CR 566), which by a majority had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Ann Margaret Pickford, from the dismissal by Judge Eillon Roberts, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on November 4, 1994, of her action for negligence against ICI.

Mr Benet Hytner, QC and Mr Stephen Stewart, QC, for ICI; Mr Michael Redfern, QC and Mr Guy Vickers for the plaintiff.

LORD HOPE said that in January 1984 the plaintiff obtained employment as a full-time secretary to three section managers in the quality control department at their premises at Macclesfield, working a seven and a half hour day with half an hour off for lunch.

Typing was one of the duties she was expected to perform and in 1986 she estimated that it took up 50 per cent of her time. Towards the end of 1988 and in 1989 there was an increase in the amount of her typing work but she continued nevertheless to perform all her other secretarial duties.

In May 1989 she complained to her general practitioner of pain in her hands and said she had first noticed it about seven months earlier. Her doctor could find no abnormality on examination but signed her off work for a short period.

She was then seen by the doctor who noted that the volume of typing seemed to be the problem but was unable to find any physical explanation for the pain.

Her general practitioner referred her to a consultant orthopaedic surgeon whose opinion was that the symptoms were work related, that they were impossible to treat and that they were not capable of pathological diagnosis.

The consultant told her that she could carry on typing and put up with the condition or else seek alternative work and said that he had nothing to offer.

She then wrote to the Repetitive Strain Injury Association and on their recommendation was seen by a number of specialists. In November 1989 she was signed off as long-term sick.

She returned to work in May 1990, but after three days' work including filing, she left again due to pain in her hands. The employers terminated her employment with them in September 1990 as there was no work available for her which she accepted she was fit to do.

She commenced proceedings against the employers for damages claiming that by their negligence they had caused her to sustain RSI. Her statement of claim was subsequently changed to allege that she had contracted RSI from prescribed disease A4 ("PDA4").

RSI as a medical term was unhelpful. It covered so many conditions that it was of no diagnostic value as a disease. PDA4 on the other hand had a recognised place in the Department of Health and Social Security's list for the purposes of industrial injury benefits and was described as cramp of the hand or forearm due to repetitive movements such as those used in any occupation involving prolonged periods of handwriting or typing.

The plaintiff's case was that she had contracted PDA4 in the course of her employment; that it was organic in origin; that it had been caused by the large amount of typing which she carried out for long periods without breaks or rest periods; and that the employers were negligent in failing to warn her of the foreseeable risk of PDA4 and of the need to take rest breaks.

PDA4 on the evidence at the 10-day trial was directed to the question whether PDA4 was organic in origin. The medical issues were controversial as the condition was such a mysterious one.

There were two strong, but conflicting, bodies of medical opinion. One was to the effect that PDA4 was an organic condition due to some kind of trauma or physical injury. The other was that its basis was psychogenic, as the product of a somatisation; in layman's terms that meant it was all in the mind.

It was admitted that PDA4 was rare in typists. The employers said it had never occurred among typists on their premises. The ergonomic experts on each side were agreed that repetitive movements alone were unlikely to cause injury. And no pathology for the condition had yet been demonstrated.

A medical expert for the employers said the plaintiff's PDA4 was the product of conversion hysteria; that her mind was using her body to escape from a situation at work which she found to be objectionable.

The trial judge held that the most he could find from the medical evidence was that PDA4 might have an organic cause or a psychogenic cause, or a combination of both causes, or one cause to begin with and the other supervening.

He held that the plaintiff had a cramp of the hand but that she had failed to satisfy him that it was an organic cause or that it was caused by her typing work as opposed to being merely associated with it.

The judge also held that it was not reasonably foreseeable that a secretary who was typing to the extent that was established by the evidence would be likely to suffer from PDA4.

He did not think it was incumbent on the employers to specify rest pauses during the plaintiff's typing work because she had ample scope to interpose and rotate her typing with her non-typing work and it could reasonably have been expected that a person of her intelligence and experience would break it up without being told.

It was not the practice in the industry to warn of the risk of contracting PDA4 because that could be counter-productive and precipitate the condition it was intended to avoid.

The Court of Appeal, having examined the evidence reversed the judge's findings on causation, foreseeability and negligence. His Lordship had come to the view that the Court of Appeal should not have disturbed the judge's findings.

The judge was unable to decide on the medical evidence alone whether the organic explanation was more likely than the psychogenic one. He proceeded to examine other evidence to see whether the onus had been satisfied.

The majority of the Court of Appeal thought that the whole matter should have been disposed of by looking solely at the medical evidence and that it was enough that the judge was unwilling to accept the explanation of the employer's medical expert witness that the plaintiff's condition was conversion hysteria.

What the Court of Appeal was doing was to invest the onus of proof. It was essential to the plaintiff's success that her condition was organic in origin.

It was proved to have been caused by repetitive movements while typing. So according to the ordinary rule, the onus was on her to prove that the cause she alleged was the right one.

It was open to the employers to adduce evidence in rebuttal but they did not have to prove that the cause was conversion hysteria. Failure to prove the alternative explanation was a factor to be taken into account in the decision as to whether the plaintiff had established an organic cause, but it was no more.

The giving of warnings of the risk of disease or injury was a precaution which was familiar in the field of personal injury litigation.

In the case of conditions such as PDA4, which were not easily identifiable and not well understood, great caution should be exercised as to the content of any such warning and as to whether to give the warning at all was appropriate. To impose a duty which might cause more harm than good would be undesirable.

The law did not compel employers to take steps which might bring them to the attention of conditions which they wished to prevent. Conditions which were associated with functional or psychogenic disorders presented particular difficulty.

The judge was right to pay careful attention to the advice of the experts, and to the practice in the industry as to the precise terms of any warning that the employers might responsibly give their employees about the risk of contracting PDA4.

The trial judge had ample evidence before him to justify his decision that in the plaintiff's case the giving of warnings was unnecessary, even though typists in another department had been given warnings.

Solicitors: Halliwell Landau, Manchester; Heather Jobling & Co, Macclesfield.

Lord Goff and Lord Jauncey agreed, Lord Slynn delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Steyn delivered a dissenting judgment.

Solicitors: Halliwell Landau, Manchester; Heather Jobling & Co, Macclesfield.

# Common law powers survive Act

**Regina v Bournemouth Community and Mental Health NHS Trust. Ex parte L**

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nolan, Lord Steyn and Lord Hope of Craighead  
[Speeches June 25]

A mentally disordered person lacking any capacity to consent could be admitted to hospital as an informal patient under section 13(1) of the Mental Health Act 1983. The basis upon which a hospital was entitled to treat and care for such patients was the common law doctrine of necessity which, where proved, had the effect of justifying actions which might otherwise be tortious.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by Bournemouth Community and Mental Health NHS Trust from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Phillips and Lord Justice Chadwick) (The Times December 8, 1997; [1998] 2 WLR 764) to award nominal damages for false imprisonment to L, an autistic, retarded child.

L had been resident in the trust's hospital for over 30 years, but in 1994 had gone to live with paid carers. The trust remained responsible for his care and treatment.

On July 22, 1997 he had become particularly agitated while attending a day centre, hitting his head and banging it against a wall. Since the carers could not be contacted he had been taken by ambulance to an accident and emergency unit and then re-admitted to hospital.

The consultant responsible for his care had been of the opinion that L required inpatient treatment to stabilise his condition but that it was unnecessary to detain him compulsorily as he was compliant and had not attempted to run away. Had he resisted admission she would have compulsorily detained him. A decision was made to exclude visits from the carers until the staff deemed it appropriate.

An application on L's behalf seeking judicial review of the decisions to detain him, a writ of habeas corpus and damages for false imprisonment was refused by Mr Justice Ouster.

The Court of Appeal, reversing that decision, held that L had in fact been detained, that the 1983 Act created a complete regime which excluded the application of the common law doctrine of necessity and required incapacitated patients to be admitted under the provisions of the Act dealing with compulsory detention, that informal admissions under section 13(1) were restricted to patients who were capable of giving and did so give their consent, and that accordingly L had been unlawfully detained.

Following that decision L had been compulsorily detained under the Act but was subsequently returned to the carers and later discharged.

Section 131 provides: "(1) Nothing in [the 1983 Act] shall be construed as preventing a patient who requires treatment for mental disorder from being admitted to any hospital... without any application, order or direction rendering him liable to be detained under [the] Act."

Lord John Grieve, QC and Mr Andrew Gubb for the trust; Mr Nigel Fleming, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the Secretary of State for Health, intervening; Mr Michael Heywood for the Registered Nurses' Homes Association; Mr Peter Gifford, Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Paul Bowen for L; the Mental Health Act Commission intervened by way of written submissions.

LORD GOFF said that following the Court of Appeal's judgment large numbers of mental patients who would formerly not have had to be compulsorily detained under the 1983 Act would now have to be so detained.

It had also given rise to uncertainty as to whether nursing and residential care homes with elderly patients who lacked the capacity to consent had to register as mental nursing homes or decline to admit or keep such patients.

Young and a jury of indecent assault on a girl aged 13.

LORD JUSTICE POTTER said that it was clear in this case that only cursory and on occasion incomplete answers had been given on Form W (Notice of application for leave to call a witness) in the section commencing "The evidence was not given at the trial for the following reasons: - Considerable time had been spent in elucidating the full picture which should not have been necessary."

Against that background, his Lordship turned to consider whether there had been any unlawful detention of L. The question was whether the tort of false imprisonment had been committed against him.

For the tort of false imprisonment to be committed, there had to be in fact a complete deprivation of, or restraint upon the plaintiff's liberty. The deprivation of liberty had to be actual, rather than potential.

In cases such as the present it was important that the courts had regard to the interests of the tortfeasor and considered whether they were in fact bound to exist on the particular facts of the case.

In the present case, the trust had remained responsible for L's treatment and had acted in discharge of that responsibility. On July 22 an emergency had arisen which called for intervention as a matter of necessity.

All the steps taken had in fact been taken in the best interests of L, and, in so far as they might otherwise have constituted an invasion of his civil rights, had been justified on the basis of the common law doctrine of necessity. The readmission of L to hospital as an informal patient under

section 13(1) could not constitute the tort of false imprisonment. His readmission, as such, did not constitute a deprivation of his liberty.

He was not kept in a locked ward and the fact that the consultant had it in her mind that she might thereafter take steps to compulsorily detain him did not give rise to his detention in fact at any earlier date.

Furthermore, his treatment while in hospital was plainly justified on the basis of the doctrine of necessity. It followed that none of the trust's actions constituted any wrong against L.

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## Moves to inject new life into placements

BY BRIAN COLLETT

THE Shell oil company is to bring together students and small businesses to promote the work placements that often lead to careers in industry.

The company has concluded after a conference of educators and business people that placements were under threat because of poor communication between students and small companies.

Students still expected guaranteed jobs in large corporations. However, most placements were with small companies, which regarded their roles as glorified "babysitting".

The Shell Technology Enterprise Programme (Step), which organises eight-week placements in small companies for second-year students, aims to ensure that the undergraduates receive the attention and mentoring they need as an introduction to industry.

Liz Rhodes, director of Step, said: "We also want to show businesses that placements can work to their advantage if they realise what these young people can do."

Step is to call students, business managers and possibly small business organisations to informal meetings or conferences to explain the value of placements.

Up to 500 small firms in Wales will take on students and graduates this summer through the low-cost Cymru Prosper Wales subsidised placement scheme. It is open to companies in Wales with fewer than 200 employees. Contact Rhianon Egerton on 01792 295248.



"Good grief! Halfway through the year and I still haven't done anything to win the small business of the year award"

# Declaring a profitable interest in computers

Sally Watts meets a couple carving a niche in hi-tech hire and training

Computers can be big business for small firms. When Andrew de Rozairo and Lesley Clare opened their first computer business centre at Earl's Court, London, in 1993 (called Declare) their plan was to cater for small businesses and self-employed people wanting to produce posters, brochures and marketing plans without having to buy their own technology.

The idea caught on. The business did so well that 14 months later they moved into adjoining premises. Today they have three studios — the two latest opened in 1996 at Neal's Yard, Covent Garden, and Camden Lock Market, in Camden Town. Now they plan a fourth, in South London.

Last year they took a major step: responding to customer need for training, the couple designed a range of one-to-one courses from word processing to image manipulation, at the same price as is usual for group training.

The owners, now married, share a background in engineering and met when they were MBA students at Insead Business School, in France. They discussed the idea of offering affordable, convenient access to computers, backed by advice and help, with clients paying only for what they used.

They provided half the start-up money, augmented by a NatWest bank loan, now repaid. A second loan, for the two latest studios, will be paid off next year.

During our first months in business we saw 30 customers; today we see more than 330 a day across the three centres," said Mr de Rozairo, who handles marketing. "We started with seven computers, two printers and a scanner. We now have more than 50 workstations, 15 printers and five scanners."

"Lesley and I used to cover 65 hours a week; now we have 12 full-time staff. In our first year we had revenues of just £30,000; this year we should top £500,000."



Lesley Clare says demand for training is growing



Andrew de Rozairo does not fear market saturation

This is rather less than they had hoped, but they accept that the reason is "two tough years" spent setting up the new studios. The equipment at each of the three is worth about £80,000; as technology becomes more affordable for the average person, the studios invest in increasingly sophisticated computers. An example is the £15,000 near-photographic printer, popular with design studios for their portfolios, and with advertising agencies.

Although workstation hire is the core activity, services have widened to keep pace with the developing

industry. Image setting, which involves producing film and bromide, is used for magazine, newspaper and book production. In addition to Internet access, there is also website design, both training or as commissions undertaken by staff designers, such as a full commercial site for Faber & Faber, the publishers.

Ms Clare, who handles the financial side, sees an interest in training by individuals wanting to safeguard or obtain a job, and by employees sent by, for example, Citibank and Bankers Trust.

The owners pursue a careful,

step-by-step business policy: planning the project, ensuring that it works and opening branches.

They hope to open a "remote" studio soon, possibly in Bristol. Longer term, they hope for eight more branches and are looking for £1 million of financing.

Mr de Rozairo said: "We are helping to create an industry and have succeeded because people need access to the equipment. The market is nowhere near saturation."

Contact: Declare Studios, Earl's Court, Covent Garden, Camden. 0171-535 0203.

## Entrepreneurs less hostile than expected on minimum wage

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE new minimum wage has received a mixed, if slightly less hostile than expected, reaction from small businesses.

A survey by Ernst & Young, the accountants and business consultants, found that a majority of entrepreneurs felt the £3.60 an hour recommendation was lower or level with expectations. The survey indicated that a minimum wage at that level would not cost jobs or affect growth and investment.

David Wilkinson, head of entrepreneurial services, says: "Despite reports that entrepreneurs are anxious about the effect the minimum wage will have on their businesses, the impact is likely to be minimal, with little effect on workforce levels and future investment plans." "In the few cases where the minimum wage will increase payroll costs, entrepreneurs have commented that they would accept a reduction in profitability rather than reduce employment levels and future investment in business."

The Institute of Personnel and Development agrees, although it has argued that the minimum wage should be set between £3 and £3.50 an hour. John Stevens, director of professional policy, says: "This is a reasonable figure which should not pose too much of a threat to jobs, but the effects will need to be carefully monitored."

Grant Thornton, the financial and business adviser, is more critical, although it agrees that the impact on small businesses will be minimal. Andrew Godfrey, head of growth and development services, says: "The minimum wage, while not being helpful to small and medium businesses, is not going to

have a significantly detrimental impact on the sector. However, we would urge the Government to tread carefully when introducing the new legislation or it will run the risk of thwarting the thriving sector with excessive bureaucracy."

"We would ask them to incorporate measures to protect the smaller players who do not have sophisticated personnel and accounts departments and will find it difficult to overhaul payroll procedures and employment documentation."

Zahir Fazal, head of the family and owner-managed businesses group at Horwath Clark Whitehill, the business advisers, takes a more critical line. He says: "Some sectors such as service and high-tech industries will probably not be affected, but others such as catering and hairdressing, where there tends to be a lot of part-time and casual staff, will be hit."



Fazal: critical line

Research by Sage, the accountancy software supplier, shows nearly 20 per cent of small and medium-sized companies expect the late payment legislation to harm cashflow, while only 2 per cent believe it will help businesses. Many companies said the law would damage business relationships, alienate customers and cause a loss of trade. Sage wants an easier and cheaper means for small businesses to recoup debts in court as an alternative to charging interest.

□ A half-day seminar on market-

ing through the Internet will be held by the Marketing Guild at the Institute of Directors in London on July 2. The cost is £79.95 plus VAT. Details on 01582 861556.

□ The Federation of Small Businesses has produced a pamphlet advising entrepreneurs of the pros and cons of limited liability companies. Free copies of *Self Em-*

played or Limited Company? are available from the federation's Press and Parliamentary Office, 2 Catherine Place, London SW1E 6HF. Send a stamped, addressed 9x4in envelope.

□ Kogan Page has published a book giving guidance on Year 2000 compliance for computers. *How to tackle the Millennium Bug* costs £7.99.

□ Midland Bank has produced a free CD-Rom for small businesses giving details of contacts for advice, an Internet offer and digital video interviews of successful start-ups. It also contains the bank's business planning software. Details can be obtained from branches.

□ Barclays Bank has extended its Training to Succeed initiative until

the end of the year. It offers rebates ranging from £150 to £750 to businesses taking out a government-backed small firms training loan. Barclays is the largest lender under the scheme.

□ A factoring service for businesses that have been trading for less than 12 months has been introduced by First National Invoice Finance, which is part of the Abbey National group. It offers reduced funding costs for the first two years. Call 0800 508050 for further details.

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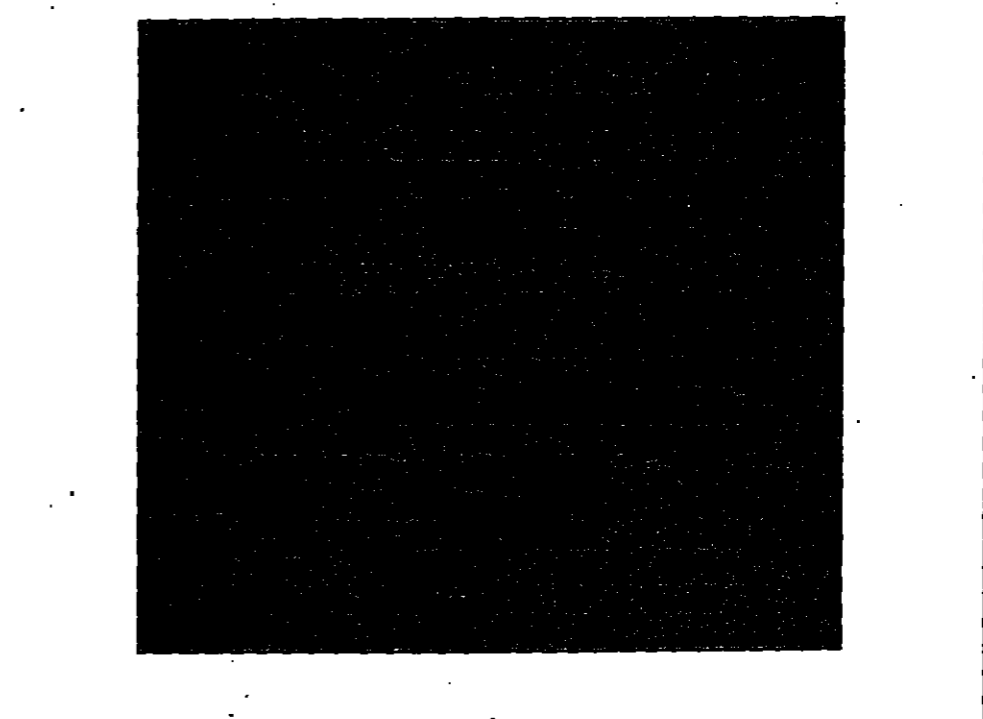
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NEWS

Clashes at Lawrence hearing

Police used batons and CS gas yesterday in a vain attempt to prevent Islamic militants from disrupting the most emotionally-charged day of the inquiry into the death five years ago of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence.

Blair takes charge of arts

Tony Blair is to take personal charge of developing a new strategy for the arts after criticism that the Government has betrayed many cultural interests.

House prices falter

The housing market is slowing as interest rate rises, a shortage of properties and even the World Cup begin to deter buyers.

Clinton triumph

President Clinton seized triumph from a state visit heading for diplomatic disaster, finding in China an audience for the charm and popular touch that has driven his political rise.

Probation shuffle

Eleven new titles have been recommended for a renamed probation service as part of far-reaching government proposals to restructure it and the prison system.

Coffee stirs

Spending in coffee bars has increased 80 per cent in the past five years, and the trend now concentrated in city centres is expected to spread.

Cookson death

Tom Cookson, 87, widower of Britain's most read author, Dame Catherine Cookson, has died of heart failure only three weeks after his wife.

Ulster clashes

Fresh violence erupted in Northern Ireland and Unionist leaders issued warnings of worse to come as the Orange Drumcee parade was re-routed.

Bordeaux thirsts for more territory

Bordeaux wine-growers, hoping to take advantage of the worldwide thirst for claret, are preparing a campaign to reconsecrate vineyards abandoned after a vine plague more than a century ago.

Daughter aided death

A daughter who helped her ailing mother to kill herself was put on probation for a year. But Gillian Jennison, 53, was told only exceptional circumstances saved her from a murder charge.

Balcony child murder

A 59-year-old man was jailed for life at the Old Bailey for murdering his three-year-old granddaughter, who he drunkenly hurled from a seventh-floor balcony.

Viscount pest

A viscount who pestered a pub landlord with phone calls won the sympathy of a court after blaming the after-effects of being indoctrinated by a religious cult.

Berlin embassy

Britain began building its new embassy in Berlin on a muddy site close to the hub of what used to be Prussian and Nazi power.

Serb suicide

A Belgrade lawyer representing Slavko Dokmanovic, 48, a Serb war crimes suspect who hanged himself in The Hague, said his client probably would have been freed soon.

Timor shooting

A man protesting about the disputed territory of East Timor was shot dead during a visit by an EU group led by a Briton.



Water music: a band entertains Wimbledon fans waiting for the rain to allow players back on court yesterday. Pages 1, 44, 45, 52

BUSINESS

Asian woes spread: Fears that the Asian financial crisis is on the verge of triggering global currency chaos intensified.

Pension plan: Some of Britain's biggest employers are considering a revolutionary "pick and mix" pension scheme.

Cashpoint chaos: NatWest was forced to call in a team of emergency engineers to tackle a software fault that brought widespread disruption to users of its cashpoint network.

Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 7.1 to 5,884.5. The pound rose 1.9 pence to \$1.6652 and .91 pfennig to DM3.0193.

SPORT

Football: Glenn Hoddle is expected to name an unchanged team for England's game against Argentina tonight in the second round of the World Cup.

Tennis: Tim Henman reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals with victory in four sets over Pat Rafter.

Cricket: Chasing 336 for victory against Warwickshire, Lancashire reached their target with nine balls and four wickets to spare.

ARTS

Cornish delight: Richard Cork visits a retrospective at the Tate Gallery that traces Patrick Heron's Cornish journey.

Laser show: Science meets art as Noel Gallagher and Kylie Minogue appear in stripped-down holographic form.

Dostoevsky marathon: "There is nothing of comparable breadth, depth, intellect and soul currently to be found in London."

Faith and Romance: St John's, Smith Square, hosts a concert of the religious music of Charpentier.

FEATURES

Spitting image: Bruce Willis's new date reportedly looks like a younger version of his estranged wife.

Body and mind: Mind rober: Alzheimer's is considered a cruel affliction of old age.

Rash behaviour: Dr Thomas Stuttaford discusses various forms of the herpes virus.

Law: Stir crazy: Angela Devlin's Invisible Women, a study of women's prisons.

Law focus: Points West: Bristol law firms are forging fine reputations.

The papers: What tips the balance in Greece's favour is not any appeal to general principle.

Lord Rayer, chairman of Marks & Spencer, 1984-91; Rudy Narayan, former barrister; Bernard Rice, artist.

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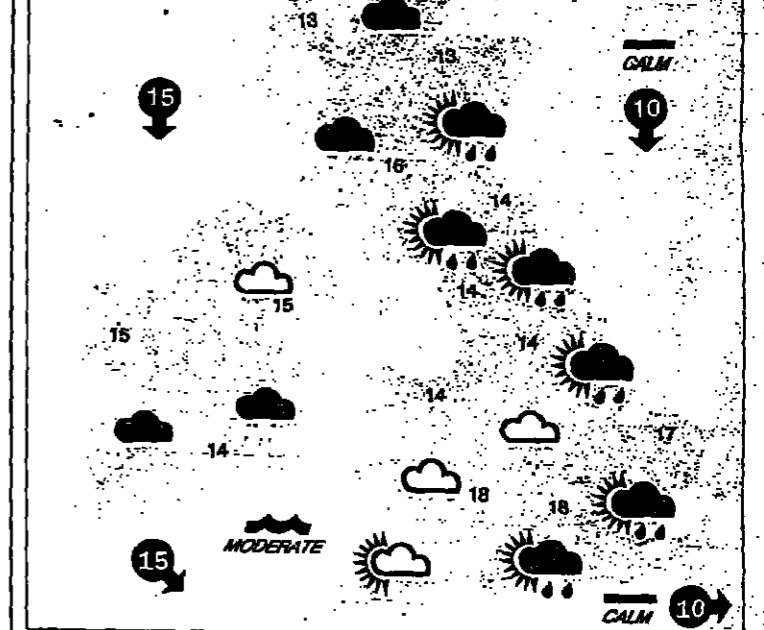
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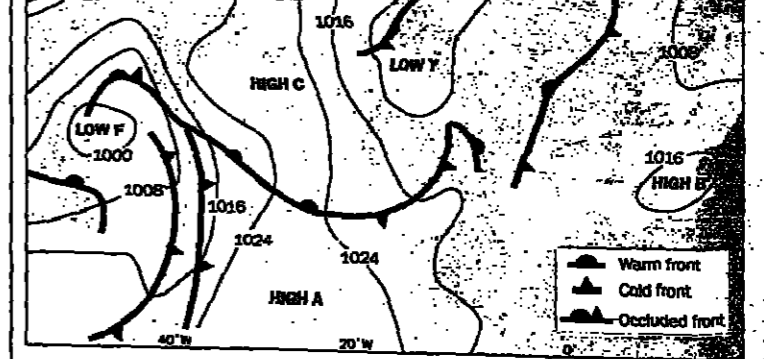
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TUESDAY JUNE 30 1998

## Speculators raise threat of global currency chaos

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FEARS that the Asian financial crisis is on the verge of triggering global currency chaos intensified yesterday as emerging markets came under fresh attack from speculators.

The South African Reserve Bank increased interest rates in a desperate effort to protect the plummeting rand. In Moscow, President Yeltsin was forced to issue a denial that Russia was on the verge of a fresh financial crisis in an attempt to protect the country's fragile markets.

Pakistan and Mexico also saw little respite from the currency market turmoil with analysts predicting that other countries such as Brazil could soon be in the firing line.

However, the Japanese yen, which has been at the root of recent currency worries, enjoyed a stronger day after the crucial *Tankan* survey of business sentiment proved marginally less gloomy than expected. Currency traders also shied away from a new attack on the yen after Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japanese Prime Minister, said he was considering further co-operation with the US and China in the foreign exchange markets.

The yen climbed from an overnight low of 143.35 to the dollar to 141.73 in US trade. Shares in Tokyo also closed higher with the Nikkei index up 1.02 per cent at 15,365.73. Traders were sceptical that the yen's rise would be maintained unless the Japanese Government took firm action to deal with its banking system. An announcement is expected on Thursday. The Government also came under fire from a senior Bank of Japan official who said that the central bank's efforts to boost the economy had been undermined by the Government's reluctance to make major fiscal reforms.

Other Asian markets, however, failed to benefit from Tokyo's lead with Hong Kong closing down 1.71 per cent at 8,460.71. In Seoul shares fell around 1 per cent after the announcement that five "non-

viable" banks would be forcibly merged. Trade unions threatened to stage a nationwide strike over the plans.

In South Africa the Reserve Bank raised its key repo rate by nearly two percentage points to 20.01 per cent. The rand, which hit a record low of R6.15 to the dollar just ahead of the rise, recovered to R5.90. Analysts, however, said the bank lacked sufficient reserves to see off any further attacks.

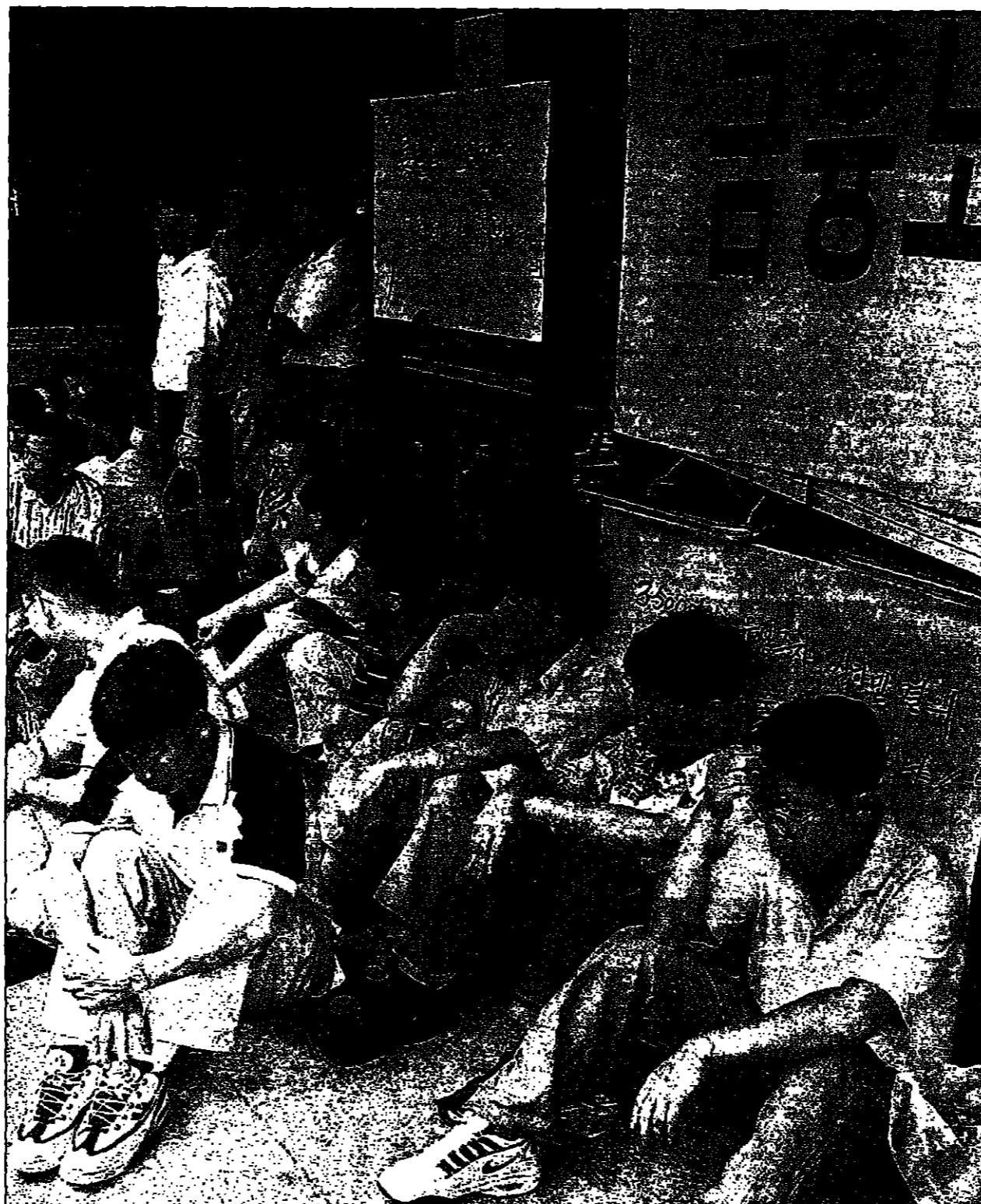
Pakistan also failed to see off the speculators, despite a 4 per cent devaluation in the rupee. The currency fell a rupee to 52 to the dollar on rumours that a further devaluation will soon follow.

In Russia, the rouble held steady at around 6.2 to the dollar as Friday's rise in interest rates from 60 per cent to 80 per cent took effect. President Yeltsin yesterday held a series of meetings to try to agree on a "stabilisation" programme, including budget cuts and reform of the tax system.

The Moscow stock market failed to share the President's confidence, falling 6.1 per cent to its lowest level since September 1996. Reports suggested that the Russian Government had asked the World Bank to speed up a \$600 million loan to pay wage arrears for striking coalminers.

The New Zealand Government responded to economic data showing a 0.9 per cent fall in GDP during the first quarter by promising further public spending cuts to protect the country's budget surplus. Jenny Shipley, New Zealand Prime Minister, said the cuts were designed to provide a buffer against the economic downturn but admitted that she could not defend the budget surplus at "all costs".

In the UK a weaker-than-expected rise in June narrow money supply hinted at a drop in retail sales growth in June. M0 grew at a monthly rate of 0.2 per cent leaving the annual growth rate at 5.4 per cent, its lowest for ten months, compared with 6.3 per cent in May.



Seoul searching: striking Donghwa Bank staff ponder their future outside a Seoul branch after receiving news that their bank is among five "non-viable" financial institutions to be forcibly merged by the South Korean Government

## News Corp floats stake in Fox

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE News Corporation yesterday announced it will float a 20 per cent stake in Fox, its film and TV subsidiary.

The sale is expected to be completed by the end of this year following a reorganisation of the entertainment business into a separate company called Fox Group.

Shares in News Corp, the parent company of *The Times*, rose 6 per cent on the New York Stock Exchange.

The new company will include Twentieth Century Fox, the film studio responsible for *Star Wars* and *Titanic*. Also included will be the Fox Television Group, which runs one of America's four main networks and operates 22 television stations, and Cable Networks, which has interests in five cable television groups. Fox has expanded its sports and news coverage in recent years.

A statement said: "News Corporation believes that its decision to form the Fox Group and sell shares in a public offering will enable the investment community to better value the various entertainment assets and businesses which News Corp owns. The proceeds of the offering will be used by News Corp for general corporate purposes, including the reduction of outstanding indebtedness and financing of News Corporation's previously announced share buyback plan."

A News Corp spokesman said: "The Fox Group will include mostly US assets. Fox does not have any assets in the United Kingdom other than offices. The UK will not be affected."

News Corp said its ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers and its options to acquire interests in other US professional sports teams will also form part of the Fox Group.

News Corp expects the new company to complete the offering by year-end.

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FTSE All share	1087.7	(+2.39)
Nikkei	15385.73	(+155.88)
New York	8997.36	(+52.82)
Dow Jones	1128.49	(+5.25)
S&P Composite		
Federal Funds	5%	(5%)
Long Bond	100%	(107)
Yield	5.85%	(5.84%)
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3-month Interbank	7%	(7%)
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New York	1.6665	(1.6615)
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DM	3.0196	(3.0238)
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Yen	235.80	(237.39)
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Brazil 15-day (Sep) \$13.80 (\$13.80)		
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## Investors lose in Selfridges demerger

BY JASON NISSÉ

UP TO 22,000 Sears shareholders are to lose discount deals at Selfridges worth up to £200 as part of the demerger of the Oxford Street store from the troubled retailer.

Currently anyone who has 500 shares or more in Sears is entitled to a 10 per cent discount on up to £2,000 worth of goods bought at Selfridges with a Sears Card.

However, under the terms of the demerger shareholders will be given just one new Selfridge share for every 10 Sears shares. The 10 per cent discount will then be available only to those who hold 500 Selfridge shares — the equivalent of 5,000 old Sears — and then only on the first £1,000 of purchases.

Nearly 22,000 Sears investors hold between 500 and 5,000 shares. One shareholder, Alan Forbes of West Sussex, said he was planning to raise the issue at next month's shareholders' meeting on the demerger.

Peter Williams, finance director of Selfridges, said the discount scheme had to be changed because it was uneconomic. The poor performance of Sears shares has meant that 500 shares could be bought yesterday for just £265 giving investors a return of 75 per cent a year on their Selfridges discount entitlement alone.

Had it stood, investors would have been able to pick up £200 worth of discounts simply by buying Selfridges shares with a likely market value of just £80.

## Software bug shuts 200 NatWest dispensers

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATWEST was forced to call in a team of emergency engineers over the weekend to tackle a software fault that brought widespread disruption to users of its cash dispensing machines.

Trouble with its core retail banking system, built around Microsoft's Windows NT technology, first surfaced in the middle of last week after NatWest attempted to upgrade the software.

Many customers found they were unable to obtain cash from its 3,200 cash dispensers, either because the machine was not working fully, or because funds they had deposited had not cleared.

On Thursday, the bank took

the decision to shut down 200 dispensers overnight, while the engineers sought to identify the glitches. On-site Microsoft engineers gave assistance, but NatWest denied rumours that Bill Gates, chief executive of Microsoft and America's richest man, made a personal appearance.

The timing of the incident will cause NatWest considerable embarrassment, as it had just pulled off a publicity coup by becoming the first bank to provide cash dispensers at the Glastonbury Festival at the weekend.

A NatWest spokesman said the Windows NT software was not at fault, but the error lay with the bank's own in-house

systems code. NatWest is one of Microsoft's biggest and most important customers of Windows NT.

Emphasising that the vast majority of its 3,200 dispensers were up and running, the spokesman said: "Our apologies to our customers for any delays or disruptions. On Thursday night we switched off 200 dispensers, but they were back on line by Friday morning. The backlog should last no longer than 24 hours."

However, customers were still having difficulties yesterday morning. One complained he had to travel into the City of London before he could find a branch to handle his request.

## Pilkington pays £2m to Leverton

PILKINGTON paid Roger Leverton £930,000 compensation plus £1 million to increase his pension after his departure as chief executive (Adam Jones writes).

Mr Leverton was headhunted from RTZ in 1992 to lead the revival of Pilkington but non-executive directors demanded his departure in May 1997. In addition to the compensation, he was paid £154,000 last year in salary and benefits.

Paolo Scaroni, his successor, was paid £525,000 in 1997. He has also been granted 3.55 million share options, with a weighted average exercise price of 132.4p. Pilkington closed at 113p yesterday.

## Large companies plan 'pick and mix pension'

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SOME of Britain's biggest employers — including leading retailers and high street banks — are actively considering a "pick and mix" pension scheme that will allow workers to select their own personal menu of benefits.

Cadbury Schweppes, SBC Warburg Dillon Read, Price Waterhouse, the Financial Services Authority (FSA) and Sony have already adopted the plan that offers the choice of extra holiday, disability benefit, childcare vouchers or travel and dental insurance. It is designed to be attractive to older workers as well as graduates and families.

Other blue-chip companies which are believed to be

looking at the scheme include B&Q, BT, Commercial Union, Marks & Spencer, Midland Bank and the Post Office. Known as FlexPlan, the scheme has the backing of Howard Davies, head of the FSA and chairman of the Employers Forum of Age (EFA).

Mr Davies will voice his support for it at the EFA's annual conference in London today. The concept is based on an occupational pension scheme with an added benefit allowance from which employees can choose a range of options.

Developed by Towers Perrin, the management consultant

offer appropriate benefits to employees of different ages, so that young people who do not want medical insurance can swap it for extra holiday, and older staff who want to retire early can forgo travel insurance in favour of enhanced death-in-service benefits or pension top-ups.

Mr Davies supported the FlexPlan as a way of harmonising benefits for staff from the nine separate regulatory authorities that formed the FSA. He said: "Employees can construct a package which suits their own particular lifestyle." Peter Kilgour, of Towers Perrin, said: "Employees can use this to attract employees from a wide range of age groups."

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# Rothschilds independence pledge after profits jump

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROTHSCHILDS, the private banking group, pledged to remain independent yesterday after announcing that operating income had exceeded 1 billion Swiss francs (£395 million) for the first time.

Post-tax profits for the year jumped 40 per cent to Sfr55.3 million, principally fuelled by growth in investment banking amid a wave of European consolidation.

In the UK, NM Rothschild notched up a 25.6 per cent growth in operating income to £211 million, with profits before tax and profit sharing rising to £69.9 million from £58.7 million.

## Peps sales up 9% in quiet May

UNPERTURBED by the nervousness in world markets, investors ignored the usual advice to sell in May and stay away and bought unit trusts and personal equity plans with enthusiasm (Anne Ashworth writes).

Although May is usually a quiet month after the tax year-end investment scramble, net Peps sales were £696 million, 9 per cent higher than those of May 1997. Some £191.4 billion is now invested in the unit trust and unit trusts Peps sector. This compares with £148.9 billion a year ago.

UK growth and fixed interest funds were the most popular among private investors who showed a marked aversion to Far Eastern and Japanese funds. The institutions favoured Europe and North America. Purchases of European trusts accounted for 22 per cent of the £4.1 billion invested in May.

Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, said independence allowed flexibility, while reassuring clients that there were none of the internal conflicts of interest suffered by some integrated banks.

"When people seek advice, they want to feel that they get the best advice without any feeling that it is competitive within the organisation that they go to," he said.

During the year, Rothschild advised on deals with a combined value of more than \$80 billion (£48 billion), becoming the world's number one privatisation adviser. British deals included the £11 billion Hanson demerger.

Rothschilds even managed to exploit the financial turmoil in South-East Asia by trading on the bullion markets. Its Hong Kong and Singapore operations both increased revenues and profits, helping to boost total dealing profits by 70 per cent to Sfr2.6 million.

The group also formed a new holding company, CINV, for its non-banking and financial assets. CINV, which may eventually be floated, will act as the development capital arm of Rothschilds. The move resulted in a reduction of group share capital.

Asset management grew funds 19 per cent to \$37 billion, while UK revenues rose 23 per cent.



Shipyard success has been built on conversion projects that are more profitable than repairs

## Cammell Laird steams ahead

BY ADAM JONES

CAMMELL LAIRD, the shipyard operator based at Birkenhead and Gibraltar, nearly doubled profits last year after a big expansion of its dock facilities.

Pre-tax profits to April 30 were £4.2 million, up from £2.2 million. Sales rose from £22.6 million to £31.7 million.

Cammell floated last July and the shares have performed spectacularly, rising from 110p to a recent high of 55 1/2p. However, they fell back amid suspected profit-taking, dipping from 52 1/2p to close at 49 1/2p. Juan Kelly, the chairman, said it was exclusively working on converting ships for new purposes such as deep-water drilling. Conversions are more profitable than repairs.

Earnings per share rose from 11.7p to 16.9p. A final dividend of 3p per share will be paid.

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## Molins to take £16m hit from job cuts

BY RACHEL BRIDGE

MOLINS, the cigarette-making machine group, delivered a further blow to shareholders yesterday when it announced the loss of 400 UK jobs at an exceptional cost of £16 million.

Just seven months ago the company shed more than 500 workers from its UK factories, also at a cost of £16 million. The company has issued six profit warnings in 15 months.

Peter Grant, acting chief executive, said yesterday the company had been forced to take further action in the light of a sharp downturn in demand for its cigarette machines in the US, China and South-East Asia.

He said that the US market had been affected by litigation, the Chinese market had slowed because of government attempts to crack down on corruption and South-East Asian demand had been hit by the economic slowdown there.

He said: "We never expected all three factors to come together at once and to such an extent."

As part of the restructuring, which will reduce the number of employees by 30 per cent, Molins will close its Peterborough factory and relocate to its existing site at Sanderson.

The £16 million cost of the restructuring will be taken as a charge against the group's 1998 results, and will be partly offset by a £4 million benefit from the sale of assets. Molins said the combined measures would reduce costs by about £10 million a year. The shares were unchanged at 22 1/2p.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### C&W sells Latvian stake for £146m

CABLE & WIRELESS, the United Kingdom telecoms company, lifted the total amount raised from its disposal programme to more than £700 million with the sale of its stake in Latvia's monopoly telecoms operator. The company, which aims to raise a total of about £1 billion by November through disposals, in an attempt to focus its activities, said it had agreed to sell its 31 per cent stake in Lattelekom, for \$240 million (£146 million).

C&W — which owns half of One-2-One, the UK mobile phone group — will make a profit of about £70 million on the sale to Sonera, formerly Telecom Finland. C&W held the stake in Lattelekom through TILTS Communications, a Danish holding company in which Sonera is already a 27 per cent shareholder. Telecoms markets in Latvia are thought to be close to liberalisation, although C&W was vague yesterday about the commercial prospects in the region. C&W has already sold to Telecom Italia its 20 per cent stake in Bouygues Telecom, the French mobile phone operator, for \$743 million. It has also sold assets in Russia, Colombia, the West Indies and North America.

### Revenues rise at WPP

MARTIN SORRELL, chairman of WPP, yesterday reported that the advertising and marketing services company was ahead of budget in the first five months of the year with worldwide revenues up by 13 per cent on a constant currency basis. Mr Sorrell told shareholders at the annual meeting that net debt levels for the first five months rose slightly to £117 million reflecting spending of about £100 million on acquisitions and share purchases. WPP plans to buyback 2-3 per cent of outstanding share capital a year.

### Biomedica chief retires

SIR BRIAN RICHARDS has retired as chairman of Oxford Biomedica, the troubled gene technology company, citing pressure of work. Sir Brian, who was knighted in the New Year's Honours List for services to the Government, is also chairman of Isis Innovations, the university company set up to patent scientific inventions, and a director of both Peptide Therapeutics and the Roslin Institute. He is succeeded by Alan Goodman, former chief executive of Peptide Therapeutics.

### TI buys Lips United

TI GROUP, the engineer, has bought the outstanding 70 per cent of Lips United, the Dutch marine propulsion system group. TI bought 30 per cent of Lips, which is based in Drunen, Holland and employs 650, in January for a total of £96 million. It will be integrated with TI's global John Crane marine business. John Crane makes marine hull seals and bearings. In the year ended December 1997, Lips had consolidated sales of £67 million and pre-tax profits of £6 million on net assets of £22 million.

### Richards losses deepen

RICHARDS, the textiles group, passed its interim dividend after blaming mounting losses on the woes of the carpet industry, which it said was suffering from imports from continental Europe caused by the strong pound. Losses grew from £523,000 to £1.3 million before tax in the six months to March 31 on sales down from £31.9 million to £26.8 million. Losses per share grew from 2.51p to 5.54p and the previous 1.07p interim dividend disappears. The shares remained unchanged at 22 1/2p.

### PizzaExpress £11m buy

PIZZAEXPRESS confirmed yesterday that it has bought the eight-strong Café Pasta chain, based in London, for up to £11 million. It has paid an initial sum of £6 million and will make further payments to Hugh and Shelly Fowler, the brand's founders, over the next three years up to a maximum of £5 million, depending on future profits. Both are staying on. The group said Café Pasta would be expanded as a separate brand to Pasta di Milano, a new concept developed in-house.

### Beale increases payout

BEALE, the department store group, raised pre-tax profits by 9 per cent to £2.8 million in the half year to May 2 on sales up 8 per cent to £35.09 million. Earnings rose 10 per cent to 9.15p and the dividend goes up 10 per cent to 1.65p a share. The company said: "The second half has started more slowly in line with the tougher trading conditions across the retail sector. Although this gives some reason for caution in gauging the outcome for the full year, the board believes the group will continue to make further progress."

## Lord Rayner dies

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

LORD RAYNER, the former chairman of Marks & Spencer, has died suddenly and unexpectedly, it was announced yesterday.

He chaired the company from 1984 to 1991, during a period of rapid growth, and was the first non-family member to do so.

Sir Richard Greenbury, Marks & Spencer's current chairman, paid tribute to his predecessor: "Derek Rayner was a man of remarkable vision who initiated the most significant era of change in the modern business."

Lord Rayner, who died on Friday, was born in 1926 and joined Marks & Spencer in 1953. He joined the board in 1967, becoming joint managing director in 1973, joint vice-chairman in 1982, chief executive in April 1983 and chairman in July 1984. He retired in March 1991.

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## Rockwell to shed 3,800 jobs

BY CARL MORTISHED

ROCKWELL International is spinning off Semiconductor Systems, its semiconductor business, in order to improve the weak financial performance of the aerospace and systems automation group.

Rockwell said yesterday that 3,800 jobs would go at a cost of \$625 million (£375 million) in order to improve competitiveness. The job losses are expected to occur mainly in the industrial automation business, which accounts for 60 per cent of Rockwell's \$7 billion turnover.

The company forecast a 20 per cent downturn in earnings for the third quarter but the restructuring is expected to generate pre-tax savings of \$100 million by 2000.

The decision comes at a time when chip manufacturers are suffering from weak demand for PCs and a glut of product. Rockwell's semiconductor unit has sales of \$1.3 billion and a large share of the market in chips for modems.

However, the company predicted that Semiconductor Systems would suffer a loss for the full year, mainly due to the weak PC modem market and a work stoppage at its California factory. Don Davis, chairman, said that separating the businesses would allow investors to focus on the growth and market characteristics of each company.

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### Vickers capital restructuring

THE High Court cleared the way for Vickers to return £281 million to shareholders after it completes the £430 million sale of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars to Volkswagen on Friday (writes Adam Jones).

Vickers will make the payments on July 21 and ordinary shareholders will be given two new shares for every three they currently hold. Vickers shares were yesterday suspended at 220p to allow the capital restructuring to proceed. Trading will resume on July 7.

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Hong Kong \$	13.71	Bank	13.71
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Exchange rates as at close of trading yesterday.

**D**erek Hunt has changed his business format, shuffled his management and today has to reveal the results: another dismal set of trading figures.

The ability of MFI Furniture Group to live down to expectations has become embarrassing, not just for the amiable Hunt but also for his shareholders. The company floated in 1992 with a share price of 115p; at the beginning of this year it was 120p but by last night it was little more than half that level. The market has given warning that trade is dire and brokers have cut their forecasts down towards £60 million from last year's £70 million but MFI still has the capacity to disappoint.

Hunt's tenure as chairman could come to a rapid end unless he can find something more than the usual excuses. He will blame the market, and with some justification: a clutch of furniture and carpet retailers have been indulging in public weeping and wailing over the lack of business. But market conditions have rarely exacerbated the problems of MFI.

Hunt needs to indicate that he appreciates the real issues and is ready to tackle them if the burly former policeman is to be given the chance to hold on to his job. And he would be well advised to try to come up with a gesture, almost any gesture, that might indicate some enthusiasm for diversifying shareholder value. In

# MFI in the Hunt for a better image

in this context, cash handouts are never insulting.

The company boasts of being an integrated retailer and manufacturer but, while logic says this should be the shape of success, experience says otherwise. Think only of Laura Ashley to recall the horrors that arise from combining the two apparently related functions in one business. Derek Hunt liked the idea of making his own kitchen and bedroom furniture and bought the businesses to do it. Growing rumours now suggest that he may be looking at distancing manufacturing a little. If a deal were to raise some cash that could be returned to shareholders, so much the better. The Healey brothers know a bit about kitchens: Hygena belonged to Eddie Healey before MFI bought it. Might the Healeys help Hunt out of his predicament?

If they, or other experts, could take care of manufacturing, Hunt and his latest retail director would be free to concentrate on MFI's most deep-seated problem: its image. The company has improved its product range but failed to shake off its popular perception as a purveyor of pack-flat furniture, collapsible even

when that is not the intention. It fares better in France — where its reputation does not go before it — than in the UK. It is about to give up its attempt to sell three-piece suites to a sceptical public, an experiment that has dragged on painfully over several years.

But exiting markets is not the answer. The business needs to redefine itself in the eyes of the customer and if he cannot see how to do that, Derek Hunt may have to allow someone else to try.

## Power game haunts power merger

**R**egional electricity companies are not what they used to be. Once treated as folksy and harmless, they are now in danger of becoming regulatory enemy number one and of being lined up for the British Gas treatment. This commercial torture could well include splitting off the local wire

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by our City Editor

grids to promote competition in supply and then slashing returns in the distribution monopoly to subsidise competition.

No wonder that Dominion Resources, having extracted most of the equity in East Midlands Electricity, is now happy to sell at a price that does not look marvellous.

Some other US power groups would probably also like to reverse the takeover they made with such sheep-like abandon in the mid 1990s, when the UK market was expected to offer them a low-risk training ground for deregulation on their side of the Atlantic.

The lesson now seems to be to stay clear. But the old electricity boards do have one priceless advantage: their virtually captive customers. Powergen needs direct customers if it is to build the competitive capability in the UK that its intended partner aims to offer in the US. Like anything in electricity,

however, the deal is highly political. Powergen was indicted not to pursue a distribution company only last year, albeit under those interventionist Tories. The Government is also desperate for generators to sell coal-fired power stations to those who are supposedly more committed and/or to buy more British coal. It just so happens that Margaret Beckett is also the minister who can make life hard or easy for PowerGen over references to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Ed Wallis, trench-hardened boss of PowerGen, is well aware of the implications. The chances are that he will adopt counter-tactics. Already, Mr Wallis suggests that he will not need to buy British coal on any scale until Mrs Beckett has decided whether to wave Mr Wallis's scheme through or to give it a hard time. At least PowerGen is more amenable to selling more of its marginal UK coal-fired stations

than its rival, National Power. But there are lots of permutations in such complex manoeuvres. The first casualty has been Deryk King, Mr Wallis's number two, who appears to have fallen for the Anglo-Saxon manager's need to be boss in the new set-up. But the surprises will surely not stop there, not least for the Americans.

## Hardy souls caught bang to rights

**A**s Denise Kingsmill and her colleagues on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ponder whether bankers are robbing their customers with the fees they charge for rights issues, they should spare a moment to study the case of Hardy Oil & Gas.

Hardy wanted to tap its shareholders for an extra £79 million to help to fund its exploration programme. It seems, however, that shareholders were slightly less enthusiastic about the prospects for the delightfully named Woollybutt field in Australia than the company was. Maybe the current political and economic unrest might also have dimmed the

delight over prospects in Pakistan and Indonesia. The more sophisticated ones may even have had qualms over Hardy's technology. Merrill Lynch has raised gentle doubts over the joint venture with Halliburton, which was offered up as good news to encourage investors to pay up. In Merrill's words, Hardy's technology "is pushing the envelope of subsea capabilities and is as yet unproven".

Whatever their reasons, holders of 52 per cent of Hardy shares decided that this rights issue was one they could happily pass on. That means that the underwriters now have to fulfil their obligations and take up the unwanted shares, despite the fact that the rights issue price of 225p is several pence ahead of the current market value of the stock.

Have they earned their fees? Well, Hardy has got its money.

## Window shopping

**S**TUART ROSE will not be leading a £400 million attempt to try to stop Selfridges being floated as an independent company, despite rumours to the contrary. But the man who almost preserved Argos as an independent company will be watching the debut intently, and he might also look at what is left in Sears at that stage. The share price indicates that investors have decided there is little that can be done but that is a judgement on the management

# PowerGen No.2 resigns ahead of expected merger

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

**T**HE number two at PowerGen yesterday quit ahead of an expected merger with a US utility. The departure of Deryk King came as the generator announced a £1.9 billion bid for East Midlands Electricity (See Commentary, this page).

The East Midlands deal is half of the company's expected transformation into a giant US/Anglo power company with a likely merger between

PowerGen and Houston Industries. The planned US link-up triggered the departure of the managing director because there is unlikely to be a job for him in the new company. Ed Wallis, the chairman and chief executive, is to lead PowerGen into its new role.

Mr King earned £255,000 a year and was on a one-year rolling contract. He had options over shares worth more

than £1.2 million. The company said it did not yet know how Mr King would be compensated. Mr Wallis said talks with a number of US companies continued.

PowerGen is offering to sell a fifth of its coal-fired generation plant and does not expect the agreed purchase of East Midlands to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. PowerGen's purchase of

East Midlands from Dominion Resources, the US company, follows the Government's energy review, which last week urged generators to sell power stations. Last time PowerGen moved to buy a regional company it was blocked by the Government.

Mr Wallis said he didn't expect to sign any substantial deals to buy RJB coal until the autumn. By then the company will know if the East Midlands deal has hit any government hitches. Mr Wallis said there would be "no (regulatory) hurdle that cannot be overcome".

PowerGen's purchase of East Midlands, which has a good geographic fit with the generator's headquarters in the Midlands, has sparked job-loss fears among unions.

## Flotation to value Equant at £2.1bn

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

**E**QUANT, the international data services network planning to float in Paris and New York, said yesterday it expects to be valued at between \$3.5 billion (about £2.1 billion) and \$4 billion (Raymond Snoddy writes).

A prospectus for Equant, whose customers include American Express, Interpol, Samsung, Shell and SWIFT, is due later this week. Only 15 per cent of the company is on offer, which was one of the reasons why it is not floating in London.

Duncan Lewis, executive vice president, said the aim of the flotation was "to crystallise value" and raise up to \$500 million for development.

In 1997 Equant lost \$17 million before interest and tax on sales of \$529 million. It made a small profit in the first quarter this year.

## Mansfield may move on Norcros

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

**N**ORCROS, the recently reorganised tile and showers company, could become the much-awaited acquisition target of John Mansfield, the small quoted timber company controlled by UKAV, the aggressive investment fund.

John Mansfield confirmed yesterday that Norcros was one of the "corporate situations" that it was reviewing but said that no firm decision had been made on a bid yet.

Norcros shares yesterday closed up 5p at 70p and John Mansfield shares closed up 14p at 82p.

Norcros last week said it would sell Norprint, its labelling division, to concentrate on its bathroom products. The announcement followed Norcros's disappointing pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 of £5.5 million, down from £5.2 million last year.

Joe Matthews, the chief executive of Norcros, said the figures were distorted by a £45.8 million gain on disposals in the previous year and £8.8 million of redundancy, restructuring and property leases in 1997-98.

Mansfield, which is headed by Stuart Wallis, the former chief executive of Fisons, the drugs company, is 65.37 per cent owned by UK Active Value. The fund, which is run by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, acquired its stake in Mansfield last June to enable it to make a bid for a large, underperforming company, to sort out. Among those that have faced the UKAV treatment, which usually involves a big management shake-up, are Scholl, the footwear and healthcare company, Signet, the jeweller, and Greycoat, the property developer.

## Toad ready to achieve profitability

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

**T**OAD, the car audio group, said it expected to return its first pre-tax profit this year after halving losses to £2.1 million for the year to March 1998 (Rachel Bridge writes).

John Lewin, managing director, said the company, which earlier this year doubled in size with the acquisition of Sedons, the car audio group, planned to make several more bolt-on acquisitions.

Chris Evans, chairman, said: "Trading has dramatically improved with the company achieving monthly profitability."

Toad said yesterday that it had entered into an agreement with Royal & SunAlliance to supply its policyholders with a car audio replacement service in a deal worth £3 million a year.



Corporate muscle: Michael Balfour believes Fitness First's growth plans are achievable

## Fitness First sets a target of 200 clubs

By DOMINIC WALSH

**F**ITNESS FIRST, the AIM-listed health and fitness club operator, is on target to have more than 200 clubs within the next couple of years and believes an eventual figure of 300 is achievable.

The group, which styles itself as the UK's market leader in affordable health clubs, currently has 22 units, having opened seven in the first half of the year at a total cost of £7 million. It has eight under construction and a further 20 in the pipeline.

Michael Balfour, managing director, said: "Our aim is to be the largest nationally branded chain of dedicated health and fitness clubs in the UK. We believe anything over

100 — perhaps up to 200 — is easily achievable." Since the end of April total membership numbers have grown from almost 38,000 to more than 46,000.

New openings helped boost pre-tax profits by 67 per cent to £1.03 million in the six months to the end of April from turnover more than doubled to £5.4 million.

Earnings per share reached 3.13p (1.48p last time), but the group will not consider the issue of dividends until the year-end.

Shares in Fitness First, floated at 80p in October 1996, gained 14p, to 39½p, capitalising the group at just under £129 million.

## Casinos win reprieve from Chancellor

**G**ORDON BROWN has softened the controversial gaming duty increase outlined in the March Budget after intense lobbying by the casino industry (Dominic Walsh writes).

The Chancellor yesterday laid down an amendment to the Finance Bill under which the new top rate of tax of 40 per cent will apply to casinos with a gross gaming yield of more than £4.2 million a year instead of the £2.9 million originally proposed.

Analysts believe that the amendment, which also replaces the 25 per cent tax rate with two new bands of 20 per cent and 30 per cent, could save casino operators about £5 million a year.

## Founders of John David forgo £1m dividend

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

**T**HE founders of John David Sports, the sportswear retailer, are to forgo their £1 million final dividend payments.

John Wardle, chairman, and David Makin, who was recently replaced as chief executive, are passing the 3.6p per share final dividend declared yesterday, saying that "as 70 per cent shareholders we will benefit more from the company investing these funds".

The two men became millionaires on paper when the company was floated in October 1996. Problems, including poor merchandise selection, have weakened the shares from the 285p flotation price to 91½p. They picked up 7½p yesterday to close at 99p.

The company has cut its target of opening 25 stores a year, but Peter Cowgill, finance director, said the merchandising problems had been solved.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 were £9.31 million. The previous year's figure of £8.97 million was depressed by the £600,000 cost of IRA bomb damage to its Manchester store. Earnings per share rose from 13.45p to 13.76p. The unchanged final dividend gives a full year payout of 5.6p.

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## Gérard puts Richoux on the menu



Abraham: skills shortage

**G**ROUPE CHEZ GÉRARD, the upmarket London restaurateur, is acquiring the six-strong Richoux chain for £7.25 million.

Richoux, founded in 1909, comprises four traditional restaurants and two contemporary cafés, all in Central London. The spend per head is between £5 and £15.

The acquisition is being funded by the issue of new shares worth £5.5 million with the balance of £1.75 million in cash. Michael da Costa, whose family has run

Richoux for more than 25 years, will emerge with a 7 per cent stake and joins the Chez Gérard board as an executive director.

Mr da Costa, the current chairman of the Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain, will remain managing director of Richoux with the aim of adding at least four more outlets over the next two years. He could receive another £300,000 under an earn-out deal based on current-year profits. The deal values Richoux at 25 times

last year's earnings, but just 12 times the forecast for the year to June 1999.

Neville Abraham, chairman and chief executive of Chez Gérard, said one of the attractions of the deal was that it took Chez Gérard into a sector where the kitchen skills were less demanding. The shortage of skilled chefs has pushed salaries up and prompted the group to start a chef apprenticeship and other staff development schemes.

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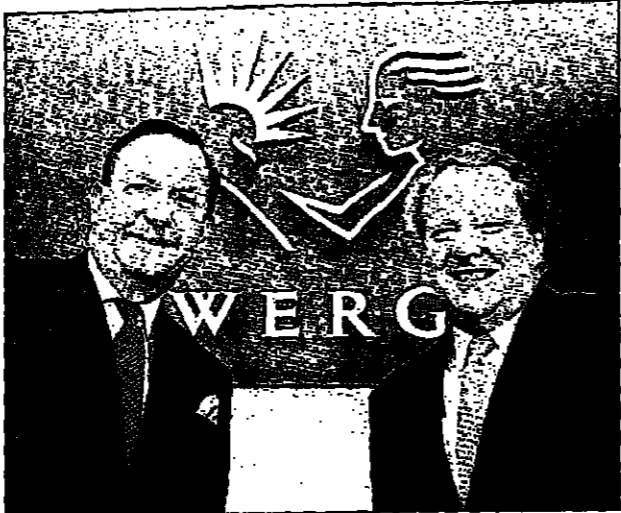
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Peter Hickson, finance director, left and Ed Wallis of PowerGen, which has bid for East Midlands Electricity

Last week he picked up 100,000 shares paying prices ranging from 320p to 350p. That takes his holding to 18.49 million shares, or 12.66 per cent, worth £65 million.

The price responded yesterday with a rise of 8p to 351 1/2p. Share prices generally started off on a firm note reflecting Friday's positive performance on Wall Street and confirmation of PowerGen's £1.9 billion bid for East Midlands Electricity.

But the advance lacked conviction and sentiment remained overshadowed by continuing worries that next week's meeting of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee may signal another rate rise despite evidence of a slowdown in the economy.

Shares in Vickers were suspended at 220p as the group prepared to return about £273 million to shareholders after the sale of its Rolls-Royce Motors subsidiary to Volkswagen subsidiary for £430 million.

Oil shares remained in a trough overshadowed by the weak oil price that saw the price of Brent crude continue to trade below \$14 a barrel. It was the first day of dealings on AIM for Murray Financial Corporation after a placing by Peel Hunt, the broker, at 10p.

THE £1.9 billion bid by PowerGen, chaired by Ed Wallis, for East Midlands Electricity raised its shares 8 1/2p to 858 1/2p and focused attention on what remains of the rest of the sector. Southern Electric responded with a rise of 26p to 555p.

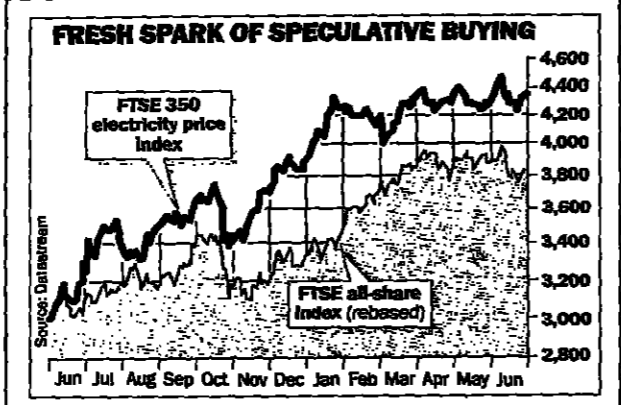
One broker said: "The distribution companies were better run than the Americans thought and they were able to obtain the savings first envisaged." This would account for Southern's continued independence. In the meantime, the Americans have been scaling down their positions in the REC's they acquired.

Among the majors, BP slipped 2p to 88 1/2p, Shell 7 1/2p to 422p, and Barmah Castrol 9 1/2p to £10.6p. The exploration stocks saw KBC Advanced Technology case 3p to 20p, Enterprise Oil 8p to 54 1/2p, Cairn Energy 8 1/2p to 26 1/2p, British Borneo 4 1/2p to 31 1/2p and Tullow Oil 3p to 11 1/2p.

Nervous selling left MFI Furniture 4 1/2p lower at 60 1/2p ahead of final results later today. Brokers had been looking for pre-tax profits of £80 million before the furniture retailers' profits warning in March.

It was the first day of dealings on AIM for Murray Financial Corporation after a placing by Peel Hunt, the broker, at 10p. The group, which can be described as a corporate carpetbagger after raising £14 million to invest in building societies, touched 13 1/2p before closing at 11 1/2p.

IN THE FUTURES pit, the September series of the long gilt fell £0.11 to £108.53 in low turnover that saw just 23,000 contracts traded. The short-dated gilt closed £0.09 down at £102.86 with just 45 contracts completed.



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TEMPUS For Richoux or poorer?

THE collapse of the Pierre Victoire bistro chain and the shock fall from grace of Regent Inns have put a dent in sentiment towards the managed pub and restaurant sector.

chain takes the company into a lower-spent bracket which should cushion the firm from economic downturn. Given the shortage of chefs it also significant that the lower skill levels required at Richoux are more easily satisfied.

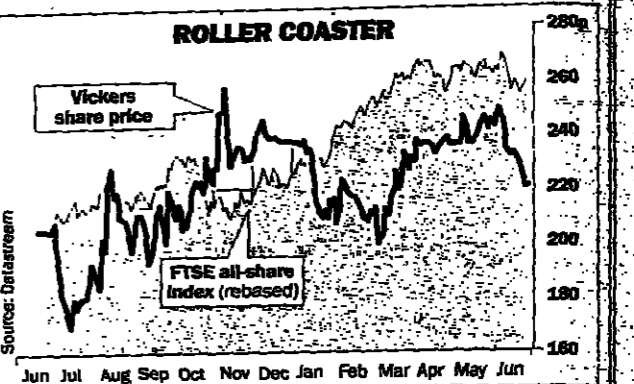
Vickers

IT IS a busy time for Vickers. Yesterday it won court approval to give shareholders some of the £430 million due from the sale of Rolls-Royce.

The trouble is that Sir Colin is finding it hard to convince the City that he can create a world-beating group based on the defence and propulsion businesses.

Molins

MOLINS shareholders can be forgiven for feeling more than a little weary. In just over a year the cigarette-making machine company has delivered no fewer than five separate profit warnings.



With the shares having fallen so far the temptation may be to go bottom fishing. But with predators few and far between, and with justifiable worries about further restructuring, the attraction of the shares is not obvious.

JD Sports

NOT a lot is going right for John David Sports either. Since the sports clothes retailer was floated two years ago there has been a huge increase in sportswear shop openings.

It overloaded its stores with poorly chosen goods last year, which it then had to get rid of. The end result was a 10 per cent decline in like-for-like sales and a brace of profit warnings.

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Table of commodity prices including COCOA, ROBUSTA COFFEE, WHITE SUGAR, MEAT & LIVESTOCK, and CRUDE OILS.

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Table of money rates for various currencies and terms.

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Table of dollar rates for various countries.

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Table of FTSE volumes for various sectors.

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Table of London metal exchange prices for various metals.

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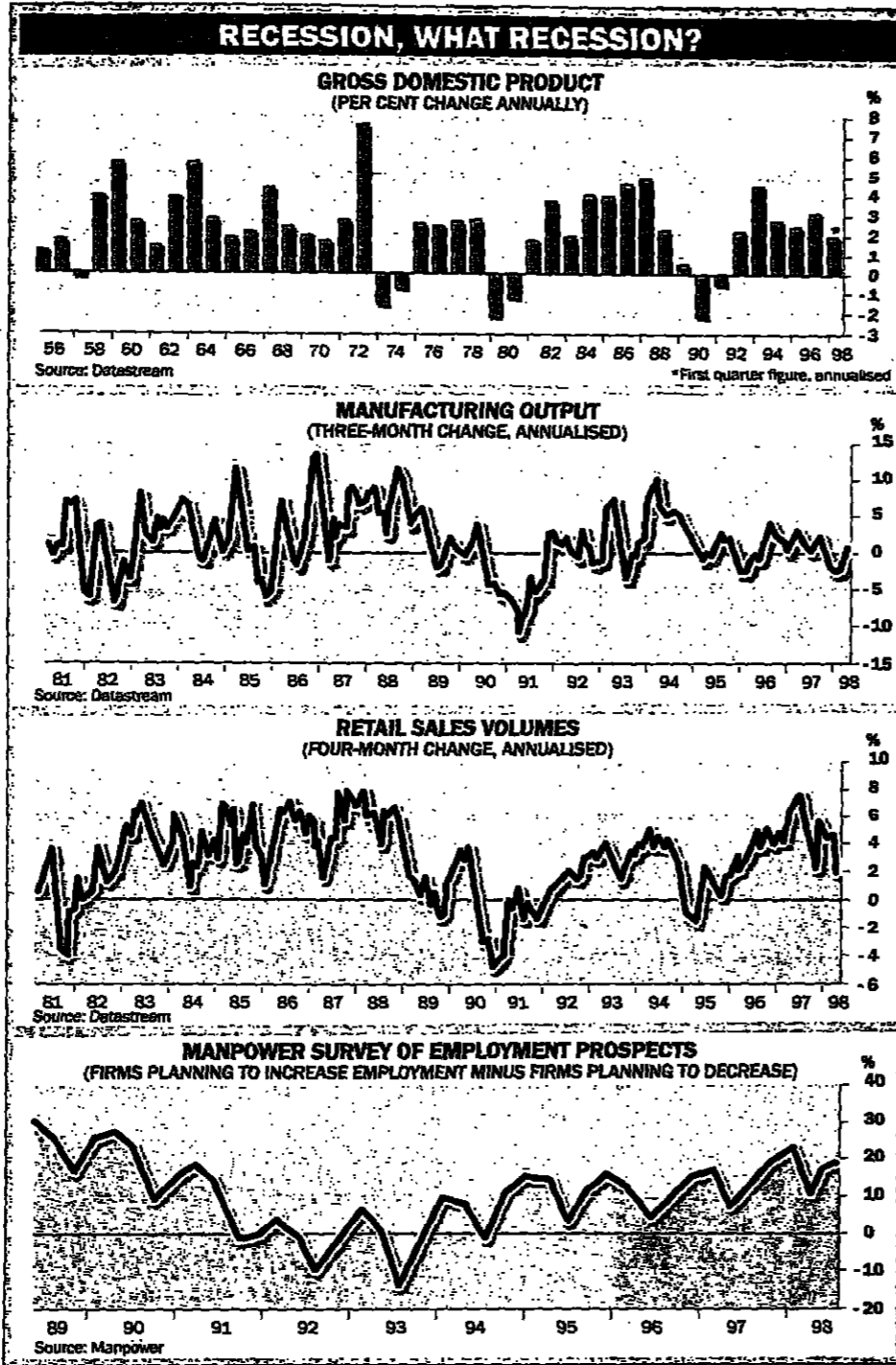
# There will not be a recession — just look at the evidence

The Bank could cause one but there is no reason to behave in such a stupid fashion

Is there going to be a recession? And if there is, should we blame Gordon Brown? My answer to both these questions, which have recently become a mainstay of dinner party conversation in London, is "no".

The first reason for saying "no" is that a recession is a very unusual occurrence. Anyone who bets on a recession in the absence of very clear evidence of slumping demand (which there was in both 1979-80 and 1989-90) is likely to be proved wrong. The idea that, after five years of decent growth, Britain must naturally be "due" for a recession is simply nonsense.

Historical comparisons cannot, of course, defend us from recession. They do, however, suggest that in forecasting, the onus of proof is on those who predict a recession, rather than on those who expect a continuation of growth.



Manufacturers and exporters about interest rates, sterling and government policy generally, and the warnings of hard times now being heard from retailers and even estate agents.

By a genuine recession I mean a decline in gross domestic product lasting for at least six months, not the phoney "manufacturing recession" that has been bandied about in the media recently and has been used as evidence that a recession has already begun.

The word "recession" should strictly be used to describe a decline in aggregate demand and employment in the whole economy, not the problems of one particular sector. But even the manufacturing and export sectors may be less weak than they look.

Indeed, there was an equally severe fall in manufacturing output as recently as the start of 1996, as well as a much bigger mid-cycle correction in 1985-86. Neither of these temporary setbacks did any damage to the subsequent strong economic recoveries.

generally considered the weakest link in the present economic expansion, is not doing too badly. Apart from oil, the sharpest falls in the past 12 months have occurred in exports outside Europe. It seems, therefore, that British exports have suffered primarily not from the appreciation of sterling against the European currencies but from the collapse of Asian demand.

If a recession does occur in the next year or two, Mr Brown will be culpable in only one respect — for having given control of monetary policy to a central bank which would, by its actions, have proved itself incompetent and irresponsible.

It has not been a great few days for TAG Heuer. Over the last five years or so, the Swiss watchmaker has carefully and cleverly positioned itself in the market place as the prestige sports watch (taking over a spot vacated some years ago by Omega). It has done this through a series of moody, well-shot black-and-white advertising images. The first was called "Don't Crack Under Pressure", the second "Success is a Mind Game" and the latest, "Inner Strength" will arrive in the UK later this year. As part of the "Inner Strength" campaign it has signed up a roster of top sportsmen and women who have agreed exclusively to wear TAG Heuer watches and feature in the ads.

How, then, fares the 80 per cent of the economy outside the manufacturing sector? The figures are more sporadic and longer delayed, but most of the indirect indicators show no evidence of recession. Retail sales are still growing at an annual rate of about 2 per cent. While this rate of growth is a big setback from the boom conditions of last summer, it is perfectly consistent with continuing economic expansion, especially once the impact on clothing sales of the appallingly erratic weather is taken into account.

Employment conditions, too, remain fairly buoyant. While the last unemployment figures showed a small increase, which could be repeated in the next few months if the weather continues to discourage high street spending, the latest quarterly survey of hiring intentions, published yesterday by Manpower, suggested that underlying employment demand remains strong (see bottom chart).

Many more indicators could, of course, be cited. Some, such as record stock market prices are positive, while others, for example, the deepening crisis in Japan, point the other way. On balance, there seems to be more reason for cautious optimism than gloom.

All the above analysis, however, is contingent on monetary policy not becoming much tighter than it already is. If the Bank went berserk and continued to raise interest rates even with the pound above DM3, a recession would undoubtedly result. This seems unlikely. But if the Bank did mess up, we would at least know whom to blame. Nobody should accept for a moment the idea, being proposed by many pundits, that Gordon Brown's tax policies should somehow be blamed if the Bank went berserk and caused a recession.

If a recession does occur in the next year or two, Mr Brown will be culpable in only one respect — for having given control of monetary policy to a central bank which would, by its actions, have proved itself incompetent and irresponsible. The solution would be simple enough — a one-line Bill to return the authority for setting interest rates from the Bank to the Treasury, where it always belonged.

# Swiss watchmaker feels the force of an untimely curse



And given the recent track record of TAG Heuer's roster, one wonders if the curse of Adidas (a phenomenon first spotted in this column) might be striking the watchmaker.

ADIDAS, of course, is starting to pull things around at the World Cup. Both Zidane and Kluitert have served their suspensions. Alessandro Del Piero is back in the Italian starting line-up and we all know about David Beckham. All the Adidas teams — bar Spain — made it to the second round, though English hearts are hoping the Adidas-sponsored Argentina fall at this hurdle.

But amidst the Nike/Adidas battle, the other big player in the sports-shoe market, Reebok, has been strangely silent. Given that its players include the on-form Dennis Bergkamp and Peter Schmeichel as well as the possible golden boot, Gabriel Batistuta, one wonders why Reebok has not flexed its considerable muscle. One suspects it has been canny, and is waiting for the World Cup fever to subside before launching its attack.

THE Yang Sing restaurant in Manchester's Chinatown has been through some tumult in

the last few years. Famed as the best Chinese restaurant in the country, according to the Good Food Guide, it had to be totally rebuilt after fire gutted the building it occupied.

The food at the new Yang Sing — I can say from personal experience — is as good as ever. But now you can see out of the windows and the lavatories are noticeably cleaner. It has also won its first award.

Last night the Association for British Sponsorship of the Arts (Absa) handed the Yang Sing a go for sponsorship in kind. It won this for being the designated restaurant for the Halle Orchestra, which entertains guests at the Yang Sing and organises education workshops with the Chinese community in Manchester.

The Yang Sing and a small jeweller from Fyde — Leonard Dews, which brought the Israeli artist Ben Uri to Blackpool — are two of the smaller winners of Absa awards. Other than that, banks scored well among the prizes handed out by Dame Diana Rigg at the Globe Theatre.

Standard Chartered — where the new chief executive, Rana Talwar, is the first person from the Indian subcontinent to run a FTSE 100 company — won the international sponsorship award for backing a Royal Shakespeare Company tour across India and Pakistan.

Singer & Friedlander was praised for its work backing an innovative project in the East End of London: Bank of Scotland, for its work with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland; and Imogen Jones, associate director of Deutsche Bank, became the Business in the Arts adviser of the year.



TAG Heuer is banking on Steve McQueen's star quality

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## Morris minor

YESTERDAY'S move by GE Capital in the marvellously named Minorplanet brings full circle the rehabilitation of one of Yorkshire's most interesting businessmen, Jeffrey Morris. Minorplanet — which was founded by Morris — is to sell its revolutionary spy-in-the-cab system to GE's fleet of lorries, the largest in the world, and GE is to buy shares in Minorplanet.

Morris will be glad to receive money from Americans. His last experience of the US was not that great, having bought share options in Hilton Hotels Corporation ahead of

an announcement that the group was going to "enhance shareholder value". The purchase was the result of a share tip which came, apparently, from Gerald Murphy, a clothing trader from Liverpool who sold goods to Morris's company, What's In Store (well, it beats Diageo). The purchase led to a Securities & Exchange Commission investigation, which, although it was settled without any blame on Morris, cost the Leeds man a great deal more than the £261,000 profit that he and Murphy made from the options.

### Pep talk

TOP fund management companies will not be the only casualties of the demise of the great Pep next April. The birth of the people's Isa, and the proposed Catmark guarantee that goes with it, might have ruffled a few City leathers, but they pose a far greater problem for Don Clark, managing director of Pepdirect, the discount broker.

The Catmark, the Government seal of approval that tips the balance towards tracker funds and the likes of Virgin, will seriously jeopardise his business. But the greatest threat comes from the Government's uninspired choice of acronym. As Isadirect just will not do, the zealous MD sifted through the mines that produced such gems as Diageo. "I think we can only call it 'the company



formerly known as Pepdirect," he said.

### Self serving

MEANWHILE at the Financial Services Authority they are struggling with the name for the new flexible pension. The original suggestion was the Cafeteria Approach — supposedly indicating lots of choice but actually conjuring up images of stale buns and weak tea. The name is going to be FlexPlan. This, of course, mirrors the struggle over the Isa. I can reveal that the idea of bringing over the name of the US version received short shrift. It is called the IRA.

□ NIM ROTHSCCHILD'S attempts to be more open and helpful to the press and City after all those years of

hiding its light under a bushel, so to speak, slipped up yesterday. The number given for James Murray, corporate affairs director, turned out to be a kitchen on the sixth floor. Worse, for much of the day, the kitchen was unmanned, so those trying to contact him were unaware of the mistake.

### Tory marginal

THE fact that UK Active Value is getting active and might make a bid for Noreros has finally pepped up the troubled building materials share price. This diary seems to remember this company as being a beacon of British industry, headed by a brilliant young man called John Redwood. Then he had to resign when he became a Tory minister and the rest is history. Thanks to his influence the share price graph over the past ten years looks like a black run in the Alps as the company lost 80 per cent of its shareholder value. Does this augur well for Murray Financial Corporation, the demutualiser where Redwood is a director and which achieved a modest 14p premium to its offer price when it floated yesterday?

### Sweet revenge

I HEAR a story of electronic corporate revenge on Nieman-Marcus, the huge American retail chain. If you have an e-mail address, before long so will you. Here goes. An American and his daughter ordered a cookie (we say biscuit) from

a Nieman-Marcus café in Dallas. They were so taken with it that they asked the waitress for the recipe. She said there would be a charge. How much? "Two-fifty". Done, and they departed with the recipe. When the father received his Visa statement he found he had been charged \$250. Nieman-Marcus refused to budge. A deal is a deal, they said.

The man has set up the electronic equivalent of a chain letter. He e-mailed the story, plus the recipe, to everyone he knew, and urged them to e-mail everyone they knew, and so on. There must by now be thousands and thousands of the recipes whizzing around cyberspace. One has just reached us. It sounds rather nice — we might just try it. When we have sent off a few e-mails...



John Redwood saw a modest premium to the flotation price of Murray Financial



"It's the British Government — they'll give us the money if we give them Shane Warne"

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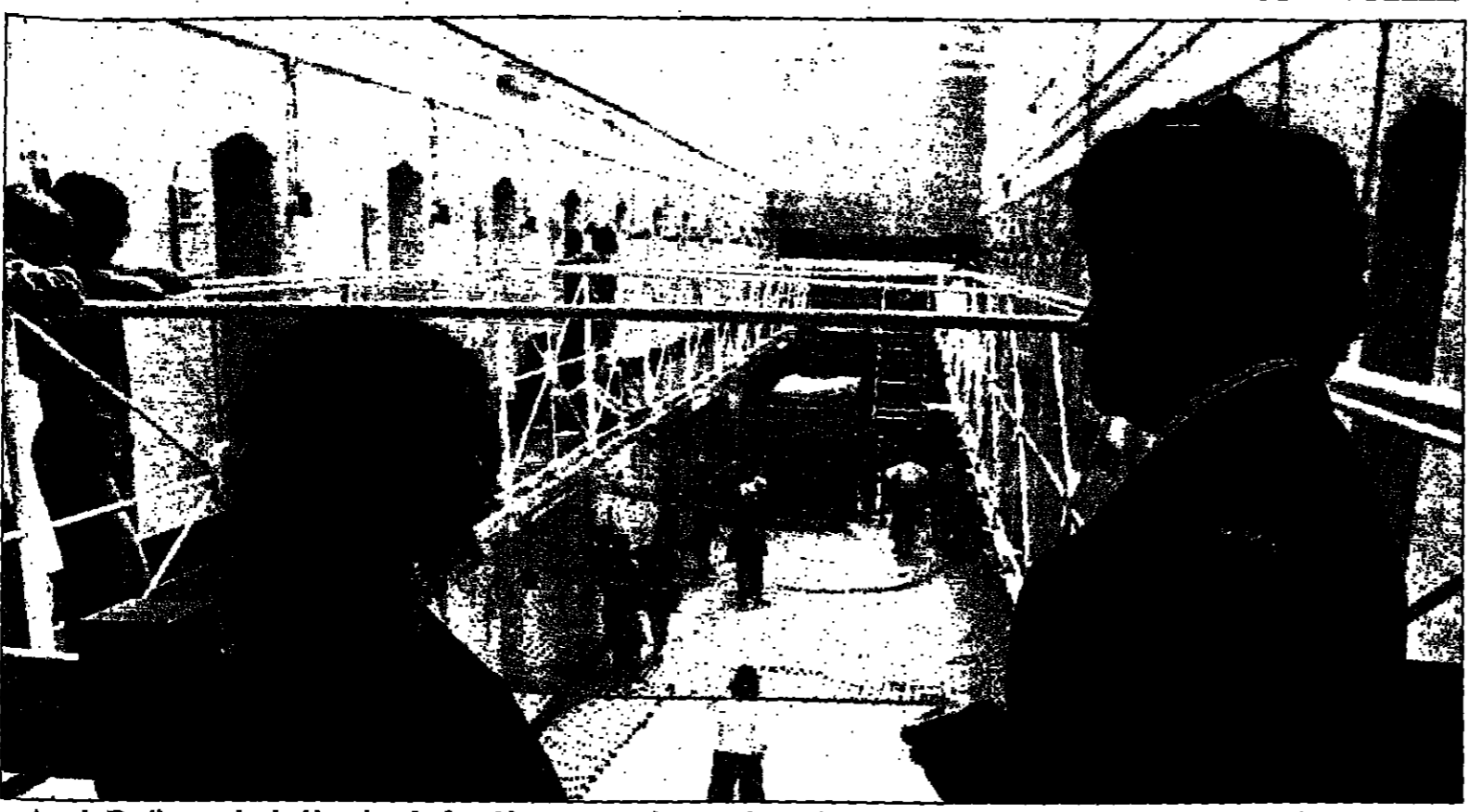
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Angela Devlin was shocked by what she found in women's prisons as she worked to overturn her friend Sheila Bowler's murder conviction

## Women's champion

The number of women prisoners has reached record levels, with the total doubling in the past five years to around 3,200. The Prison Service has recently announced that it is going to create another 1,000 places. So now is a good moment, believes Angela Devlin, the author of a new study into women's prisons, to "highlight the madness".

Published today, *Invisible Women* is the fruit of five years of research and firmly establishes Ms Devlin as a leading campaigner for reform of the way women prisoners are treated.

The book is full of personal case histories, drawn from Ms Devlin's interviews with 150 women prisoners and 112 staff from 12 women's prisons including Holloway, the female wing at Risley, the H wing at Durham and Askham Grange open prison. Her research encompassed a wide range of inmates - including Sara Thornton, acquitted after a retrial of murdering her husband, and Josie O'Dwyer, who hit the headlines for attacking Myra Hindley in jail and recently took her own life.

Ms Devlin became involved in prison research when, after a 25-year career as a special needs teacher in East Sussex, she set out to determine whether it was educational failure which led many of her pupils to end up in jail. Her research into the educational background of prisoners resulted in the publication of *Criminal Classes* in 1993, closely followed by *Prison Fetter* which captured some of the current prison slang.

### Josephine Carr on a campaigner's battle for reforms in the way the prison system treats women inmates

But the event that led her to become personally involved was when Sheila Bowler, someone she had known for 15 years, was convicted of murdering her husband's aunt. Ms Devlin, along with her husband Tim, launched the campaign which eventually saw Bowler acquitted after a retrial earlier this year. Ms Devlin recently published an account of that campaign.

From visiting Bowler, she gained an insight into the problems faced by women prisoners. Her successful campaign also helped her to gain access to other prisoners. "If there is anyone who prisoners like it is someone who has got one of them out," she says.

Those who know Ms Devlin are not surprised that she has taken up the cause for women prisoners to such effect. As Channel 4's *Trial and Error* on the Bowler case showed, Ms Devlin has a self-confessed "bolshie streak", a product, she suspects, of her Welsh mining village background. "My Dad was a Labour councillor who started his career teaching in approved schools," she explains.

"People ask me why I bother. I am trying to get the humane side across. In *Invisible Women* I have tried to write a fairly populist account as a companion to Sir David Ramsbotham's [the Chief Inspector of Prisons] recent review of women's prisons. All royalties from her book, launched tonight by the Chief



Angela Devlin: reformer

Inspector and his wife, will go to the Female Prisoners Welfare Project, a charity which cares for the children of women used as drug couriers.

Ms Devlin is convinced that the way women who commit crime are treated is fundamentally wrong. She was shocked by what she saw, not just the physical conditions but the high level of boredom, the widespread use of medication to keep the women quiet, the high level of drug abuse and the number of women who deliberately harm themselves.

"It is important that we do not continue with the lunatic policy of imprisoning people all the time," she says. "I want to ask the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, why we have to have yet another increase in places when the vast majority of women prisoners are no danger to the public."

It is not, she argues, a simple question of ensuring

But while women are twice as likely to be disciplined in jail as men, Ms Devlin argues that it is not because they are violent or difficult: it is because of the system. While men will usually accept rules, women tend to challenge them. An understandable reaction when many are illiterate and petty, Ms Devlin says. Prisoners in one open prison are not, for example, allowed to wear slippers at meals or sit on the stairs. One woman had been fined for eating too slowly.

While she accepts that some women have to be jailed, Ms Devlin argues that the Government must look at ways to divert those who are not a danger to the public into residential hostels which offer work and childcare. If they have to be imprisoned, there must be better facilities for education and training. "The most depressing thing," she says, "is that nothing is done with them."

● *Invisible Women. What's Wrong with Women's Prisons? published by Waterside Press. £18.00.*

## Be careful before you sack a job

Difficult legal problems are posed by those England football fans who have taken too literally George Orwell's contention that "at the international level, sport is frankly mimic warfare... war minus the shooting".

After the violence by English supporters in Marseilles, the Prime Minister told the House of Commons on June 17 that government policy was to "encourage employers to take strong action against people who are convicted of football hooligan offences abroad", especially those "who are employed by the public service or by the Armed Forces".

To minimise the risk of being shown a red card by an industrial tribunal, employers must be careful to time their tackles correctly in this context. The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service has statutory power to issue a code of practice on disciplinary practice and procedures in employment. Industrial tribunals hearing unfair dismissal claims are required to have regard to its contents.

Paraphrase 15 emphasises that criminal offences committed outside a person's employment "should not be treated as automatic reasons for dismissal, regardless of whether the offence has any relevance to the duties of an individual as an employee". Instead, employers should consider whether the offence "makes the individual unsuitable for his or her type of work or unacceptable to other employees".

The code accurately reflects the principles that have been developed by industrial tribunals in relation to the concept of unfair dismissal. The case law suggests that the employer must consider whether the criminal record of the employee has an adverse effect on that employee's ability to do the job or has a general adverse effect on the reputation of the employer's business. Some employers (in particular, public bodies) may be able to justify dismissals in this context by reference to such criteria, but careful consideration is required.

Employers would also be well advised to ensure that an employee convicted of an offence of football hooliganism is given a chance to make representations before being dismissed. However, the employer does not need to investigate a contention by the convicted hooligan that he was the victim of a miscarriage of justice. The Court of Appeal has stated that employers are entitled to proceed on the basis that an employee who was convicted of a criminal offence by a competent court was correctly so convicted.

What other steps can be taken to prevent and to punish football hooliganism by Eng-



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lishmen abroad? The Football Spectators Act 1989 allows for convictions abroad for offences at, or on a journey to or from, a football match to be the basis for a court in this country imposing a "restriction order" which requires the individual to report to a police station at the time of any designated match (including matches abroad). These powers have not been extensively used by magistrates. But the real problem, as the Prime Minister reminded the House of Commons, is that many of those arrested for offences in Marseilles had no previous criminal record.

Government policy needs a radical rethink. The restriction order policy is not effective. And police and courts abroad are reluctant to take tough action against football hooligans, preferring to detain troublemakers, and then deport them back to this country once they have sobered up. Where offenders are convicted abroad, they are rarely sentenced to deterrent terms of imprisonment that realistically reflect the terror they cause and the damage done to international sporting events.

Parliament should authorise a departure from the traditional (though not universal) principle that crime is territorial, and so a person may not be prosecuted in this country for criminal acts committed in another country. Where there is adequate evidence (as there often is, in the form of videotapes) that a person resident in this country has committed abroad acts of violence, or public order offences, connected with the presence in that country of the England football team (or an English club team), and where the authorities of that country have failed to prosecute, the crimes surely have a sufficient link with this country to justify prosecution here. The defendant is accused of damaging our national reputation and the interests of all genuine English football fans.

Hooligans may well be deterred from creating mayhem in a city where World Cup (or other) matches are being played if they know that even if they are not prosecuted abroad, they may, on their return, face a second round match against the Crown Court, with the judge prepared, on conviction, to impose a lengthy jail term to reflect the gravity of the offences.

No doubt there are practical problems to overcome. But if we are serious about punishing and deterring such crimes, and taking effective action to protect this country's reputation, our criminal courts should be given jurisdiction.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

## Under the spotlight

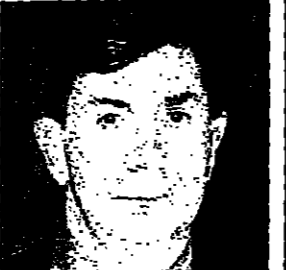
MICHAEL MANSFIELD, QC, is having an uncomfortable time. One of four QCs whose fees are under scrutiny by the House of Lords, he was bound to stand out because of his left-wing credentials. In questions to the Lord Chancellor's Department in the Commons last week, the Tories laid

into him. "Does the minister believe it right that somebody who is well-known for his support of left-wing causes, Mr Michael Mansfield, QC, should submit a legal aid bill for £22,000 which was ultimately cut to just £12,000?" Nicholas Winterton asked Geoff Hoon, the Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department. The reply was ominous. Speaking of a "persistent pattern of over-claiming", Mr Hoon added: "Indeed, statistics suggest that, in certain high-cost cases over the past two years, barristers have claimed more than double what they have received."

## Winning personality

LORD IRVINE of Lairg ventured another joke last week as he picked up *The Lawyer* award for legal personality of the year. Thanking those who helped him to pip Senator George Mitchell, he said he owed particular thanks to "those lawyers Pugin, Wolsey and Wallpaper" and to the media for publicising his "little-known personal qualities of modesty and humility".

Barrister of the year went to Barbara Hewson of 12 Gray's Inn Square for her work on court-enforced Caesarean operations, and



Lord Irvine: prize guy

best chambers went to those of James Hunt, QC. The awards raised £26,000 for the NSPCC's Justice for Children campaign.

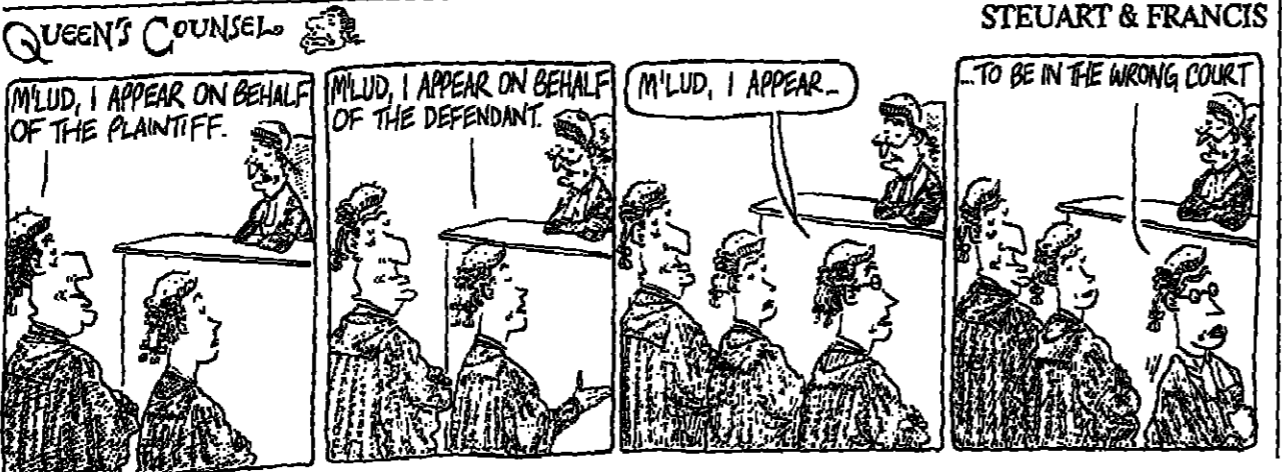
**No middle-men**  
THE Commercial Bar Association is considering whether to allow people to instruct barristers directly without having to go through a solicitor in all non-litigation work and some litigation in limited circumstances. Members at this month's AGM agreed to look at the idea. It would certainly allow barristers to hit back at solicitors who are keen to steal their advocacy work in the higher courts.

**The right stuff**  
BARRISTERS are racking their brains for candidates prepared to take up the job of Director of Public Prosecutions. The current Bar Council Chairman, Heather Hallatt,

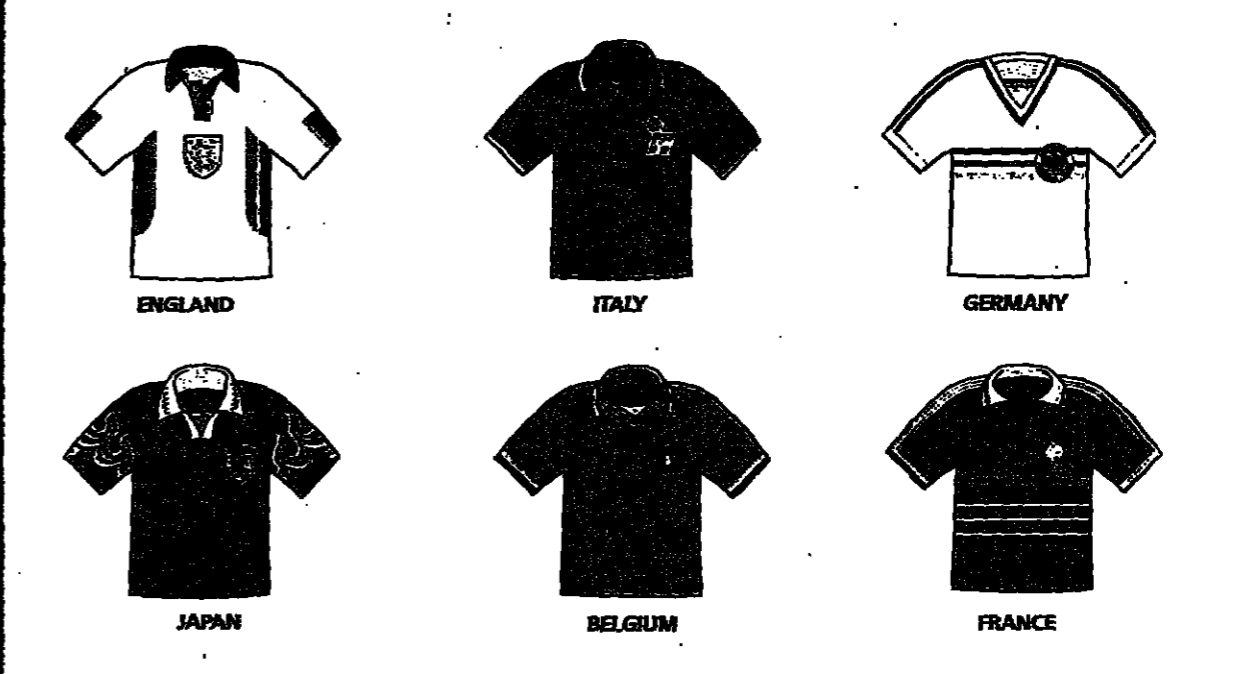
QC, Anne Rafferty, QC, former chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, and Roy Armit, QC, her successor, are all believed to have rebuffed approaches. But what about a solicitor? Peter Ross, head of the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors, is also believed to have been approached. And if the former Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor is prepared to take on one of the legal world's most unpopular jobs, why shouldn't he have a crack at an even more challenging post?

**Legal support**  
WHILE England were losing to Romania last week, Christopher Compton, the High Court judge, was hosting a Thames-side party in West London to launch his book *Breaking Up without Cracking Up* (HarperCollins, £6.99), a guide for those facing separation and divorce from one who has been through it. Among the guests was Dr Martin Neary, the suspended organist of Westminster Abbey - one of Compton's sons (by his second marriage) is an abbey chorister, and the judge is one of Neary's keenest supporters. "The fight for justice goes on," he says.

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# The best is yet to come

# Notching up the niche areas

The jewel of the Western Circuit has yet to fulfil its potential, says Edward Fennell

BRISTOL is the capital of the West and the jewel in the crown of the Western Circuit. It boasts some of our best barristers and a couple of the best firms of solicitors. Overall, in terms of quality, it claims to rival Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester. But although there are some top-notch lawyers in Bristol, in legal terms the city has yet to fulfil its potential.

That does not faze the locals, however, who believe the best is yet to come. The growth rate of some firms of solicitors (such as Lyons Davidson) is remarkable, and many London barristers aim to relocate to the West to enjoy its better quality of life. As Guy Stobart, the managing partner of Burges Salmon, says: "The other big regional law centres have reached the top of the escalator, but Bristol is still on the way up."

Perhaps the surest sign of this is the arrival of legal headhunters. BHM Nevard Roland has established a new service specially geared to the legal market. Richard Morris, a barrister who has joined the firm to focus on legal recruiting, says: "The rapid growth in the legal field in Bristol has created a massive demand for talent. Many local firms are having actively to recruit, while the City firms with satellite offices in Bristol are extending their roles. From servicing one or two large local clients they are now fully active, client-seeking offices. Meanwhile, chambers are trying to attract 'celebrity' barristers as they seek to raise their profile in what is an increasingly competitive market."

So Bristol is on the up. Just how far it can go, however, remains to be seen.



The quality of life and work in Bristol make many legal practitioners reluctant to leave the city

Firms work quickly, and to just as high a standard as their London counterparts

With more than 200 barristers and about a dozen QCs, the Bristol Bar is now starting to gain critical mass. John Royce, QC, the head of Guildhall Chambers and the Bar Council's regional representative, is bullish about the future. He points to the strengths of the local Bar in areas such as pensions mis-selling and the extent to which this is attracting work from firms of solicitors nationally. "We get the work done quicker here and to just as high a standard as in London."

## Professional sets

### THE BAR

as far Bristol is concerned. He says: "There has been an investment in information technology and in training and in our own chambers we now have a professionally qualified chambers director to ensure that we can provide a fully professional service."

There are probably three leading sets — Guildhall, Albion, and St Johns — together with four or five others that are well regarded in their field. Richard Hyde, the senior clerk to St Johns, points out that his set has grown from 17 barristers to 47 in just ten years.

Another important development, reflecting well on Bristol's future, has been the arrival of an annex of Old Square Chambers. This was set up largely on the initiative of Barry Conter, well known for his personal injury work and product liability. "It was a choice between Bristol and Leeds," he says. "We chose Bristol even though we had no client base there because we saw it was ripe for development." The annex now has seven barristers resident in Bristol supplemented by regular visits by colleagues from London. "We were worried the local Bar might be hostile but it has been very welcoming. I think everyone realises the Bar must grow in Bristol in order to attract more work. We are holding on to personal injury work that otherwise would go to London."

Many local firms are building national profiles

### THE SOLICITORS

There used to be just two really distinguished corporate law firms in Bristol: Burges Salmon and Osborne Clarke. But that may be changing. While these still dominate the scene, other, smaller, firms are gaining national reputations in niche areas.

Lyons Davidson has seen a 45 per cent increase in workload and a 50 per cent rise in staff levels during the past year. The reason, according to Mark Savill, a litigation partner with the firm, is that the culling of the number of firms used by insurance companies and the setting up of panels has worked to its advantage. "Work is being concentrated in the hands of a smaller number of firms who have demonstrated real expertise in these fields," he says. "We have been successful in being included on these panels and as a result the growth in the level of work has been phenomenal."

Wansboroughs Willey Hargrave is also building a national profile with its insurance work. "The firm has built its reputation on its defendant litigation practice," says Jo Pattison, the marketing manager. "Nationally, we act for more than 100 composite insurance companies, Lloyd's syndicates, brokers and underwriters and NHS trusts and health authorities."

The odd one out, perhaps, among the local law firms is Bevan Ashford, which covers the West Country like a Bank Holiday traffic jam. Taunton, Tiverton, Exeter and Plymouth all figure on its letterhead. It is a deeply rooted regional firm with national aspirations.

A contrast to Bevan Ashford is offered by the local office of the national firm Masons. With its unrivalled reputation for construction work,

Masons opened its Bristol branch in order to be closer to the projects and the clients that provide its bread and butter. Its advantage, says Adam Harris, a partner, is that the growing importance of private finance initiative — or new Labour's version of it — will mean greater demand for combined structured finance and construction expertise. "Increasingly, clients will look for a multidisciplinary approach, which a larger firm such as ours can offer," he says.

There will be an interesting battle ahead between the big national firms — such as Masons and Eversheds — which have offices in Bristol and the established elite of the local scene. Burges Salmon — which has doubled in size during the past five years — is comparable to Wragge in Birmingham in terms of its commitment to remaining a single-office practice. Guy Stobart, the managing partner, describes it as "a heavyweight national player that just happens to be based in Bristol."

Much of its work now comes from outside the West of England. It has, for example, one of the best-regarded agribusiness and agricultural practices in the country but, in addition, it is strong in transport. Currently acting for one fifth of the train operating companies, it has a particularly close link with FirstGroup, which it has recently helped to acquire Great Eastern Railways and Great Western Trains.

Osborne Clarke, like many other regional firms, has embarked on the London route. With 100 of its 450 staff now based there, the capital has become very important. Leslie Perrin, its managing partner, is confident that its specialist, especially in areas such as corporate tax, is as good as anyone in the City. "London firms attempt to headhunt them once a fortnight, but they prefer to stay in Bristol."



Guy Stobart: "Other centres are at the top of the escalator; Bristol is still on the way up"

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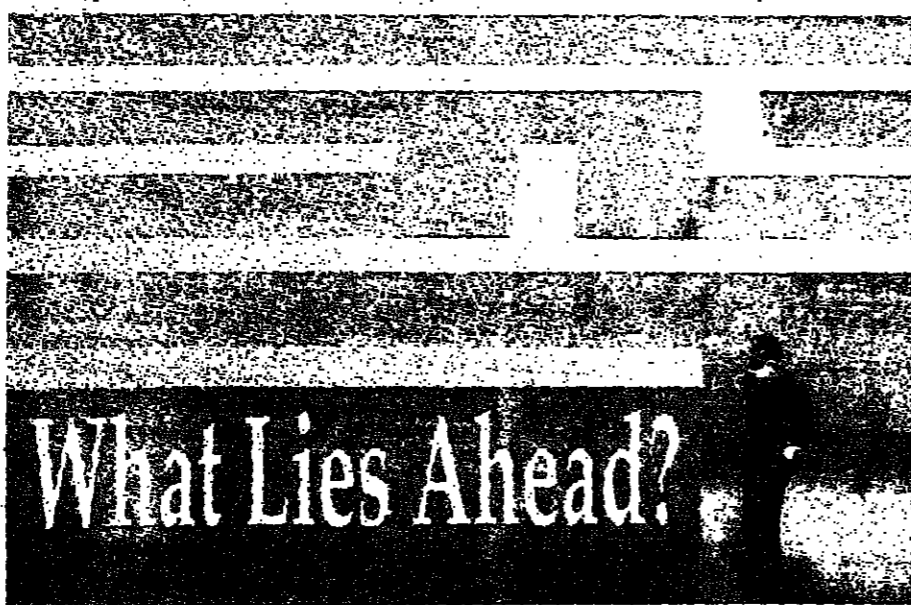
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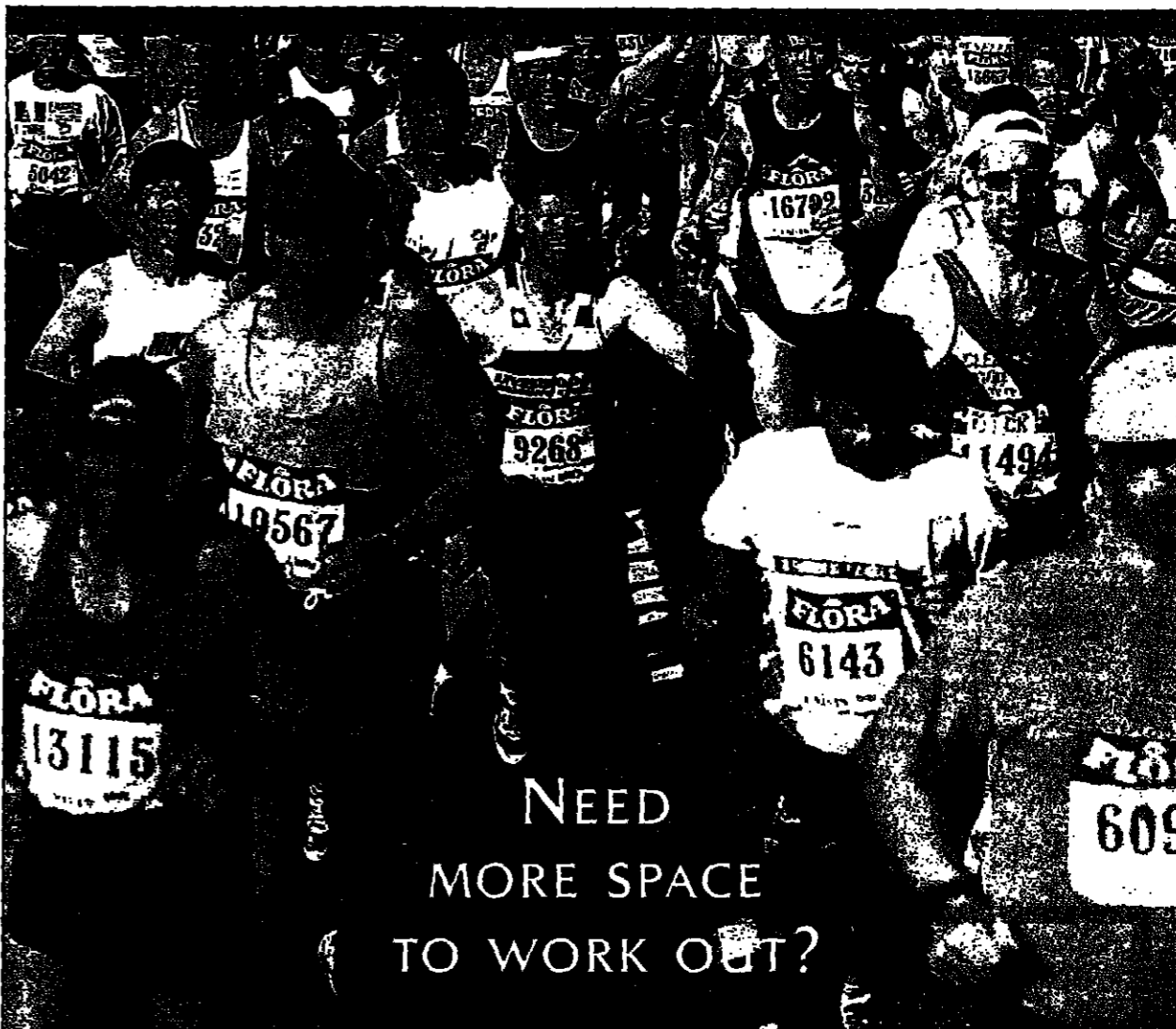
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# Harsh truths for the class

Edward Fennell on the gap between law students' expectations and the commercial realities of modern firms

The Class of '98 is facing its moment of truth. Whatever their careers may be as individuals - from top City practice to contingency fee-based high street firm - their great adventure starts here.

Among law firms, meanwhile, there are misgivings about the new-made lawyers. A recent research paper published by BPP Law School in London dissected their typical strengths and weaknesses. Yes, new-made lawyers are widely regarded as being "good with ideas and words". But their weaknesses are, perhaps, the more worrying. According to the report, many lawyers fresh from law school are "not commercially orientated". There is a lack of appreciation that legal practices must be run as commercial operations rather than intellectual talkshops.

To compound that, most of them have little rapport with the priorities of their clients. In particular, at the corporate end of the market they do not grasp that businesses

see the law as a means to an end rather than an end in itself.

As Laurence Messer, managing partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, points out: "Few young lawyers at the recruitment stage have an innate business sense; many of them seem to be under a misconception as to what the law is about in practice. They lack a commercial orientation... and some of them have problems adjusting to the harsh reality that modern law firms are increasingly corporate in the way they work."

This was endorsed by Jane Player, head of graduate recruitment and legal education at Dibb Lupton Alsop, who comments that law firms have become businesses that happen to provide legal services. Some lawyers fresh from college have difficulty in taking this in. But, significantly, firms such as Dibbs and DAC are increasingly open to older people who have trained in other disciplines and switched to law in early mid-career. Ms Player explains: "We have



The young-lawyer lifestyle of *This Life* is not necessarily accurate, but the salaries can be good

recently recruited a qualified engineer, a surveyor, a doctor and an RAF navigator, all of whom transferred to the law after a period in their first career. We like them because they have a wider perspective on what the law is about."

DAC, meanwhile, has recently brought in a former high-flying police officer.

"He fits in well and has a lot to offer," Mr Messer says. "We often find that the most successful trainees

are those who have done other things first."

To be fair to the present generation of law school students, they are no worse than their predecessors. What makes the case urgent, however, is that the pressure will be on these new lawyers to start billing earlier and at higher levels than in the past. The commercial challenges facing the practices they will work for will be tougher than ever, and the competition they face

will be sharper, not least from the accountants.

In view of this, it is valuable for the firms as well as tables of salaries, tables showing firms ranked by training contracts and an A to Z of some 500 law firms.

It also details what law firms look for: most will consider students from any university (108 out of a survey of 144) but 36 expressed preferences, ranging from redbrick and traditional to "more than 30 years old".

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# A lucky break or just money for nothing?

The RAC's imminent issue of windfalls is causing much disquiet

Celebrations greeted the RAC's proposal to give its motoring arm to the US corporate giant Centant. Dismay followed from those members excluded from receiving windfalls but the concerns expressed by these people may be the tip of the iceberg as other aspects of the saga emerge.

According to the official literature, the motoring business is not commercially attractive in an "increasingly competitive environment". The intention is to complete the sale this autumn when each qualifying member will share the spoils, which could be £35,000.

Those left out in the cold have been angered and many are said to have joined associations in protest. Another problem is lurking, however. Among the recipients of payments are those who only qualify as members because their companies have paid their joining fee and annual subscriptions for business reasons. But for the fact that the membership fees are paid for them, these members would be unlikely to be in line for a windfall. Colleagues may be disgruntled because they were not offered membership and some are already asking whether there is any legal basis for arguing that the companies which funded the membership should be entitled to the windfall.

If there is no written agreement or it is silent, the partner must demonstrate that the benefit arose independently of his partnership duties. If his subscription is paid because he said that it would be useful for the firm, this argument may fail.

With directors the position may be covered by the service contract, the memorandum and articles of the company or the shareholder's agreement where the director is a shareholder. In the main they will not be catered for and the way in which membership costs are treated for tax purposes may have to be analysed.

*Keach v Sandford* (1736) established that a trustee cannot make a profit from the trusteeship. Though partners might be constructive trustees of assets derived from their partnerships, directors are not in the same position. They do, however, have a fiduciary relationship to their companies. Even if membership is a perk, there may be scope for an argument that the windfall is held on constructive trust for the company and must be disgorged unless the company agrees otherwise or the director paid tax on this perk as a benefit in kind.

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Michael Bowden is a consultant and Penny Lewis is an assistant solicitor for Fabrum Baxter, the City law firm.

# Fancy starting on £20,000 or so?

Frances Gibb on the possible rewards for trainees

Law firms desperate to woo the best graduates are offering trainee salaries of £23,000 a year, with perks such as free lunches, free bars and in-house doctors. A new *Chambers & Partners* guide for students wanting to enter the law shows that the lucky ones who secure a training contract can expect good financial rewards.

At the top of the market, trainees can earn about £20,000 when they start with a City firm, although one, Gouldens, offers £23,500. The salaries rise in the second year and, on qualification, can exceed £31,000.

Competition for newly qualified solicitors is now such that lawyers in big City law firms doing commercial work can expect 20 per cent pay rises this year as rivalry heats up between American and British law firms. A survey just published by the legal headhunters Longbridge International says that newly qualified lawyers in the City will be able to command up to £34,000 this year.

Salaries are lower in the regions, but a newly qualified solicitor is likely to be offered between £18,500 and £25,000.

The *Chambers student guide*, which comes out as students prepare for the scramble for training places, gives a table to show what benefits some firms offer. Gym or sports club membership is commonplace. Berwin Leighton offers a season ticket loan, life assurance and sports club subsidy. SJ Berwin offers free lunches, profit-related pay and corporate sports membership, and Clyde & Co benefits include an interest-free ticket loan and staff restaurant.

The big salaries offered in commercial firms make it increasingly difficult for the smaller firms, many doing legal aid work, to recruit trainees at all.

All the City firms will pay students for

their one-year professional training period (legal practice course) and some also pay maintenance. Clifford Chance gives £4,000 a year for students living in London or £3,400 outside it. Trainees outside London could be on as little as £10,500, rising to £15,000 on qualifying.

Though law firms are vying for the best graduates, the graduates are in tough competition for the training contracts. Already, law graduates are applying for training contracts for the year 2000. Non-law graduates have to do an extra law-conversion year after their degree course.

The latest Law Society figures show that there were 4,760 training contracts last year, compared with 4,338 for the year before. But 5,661 students enrolled on the legal practice course, and that takes no account of students

still looking from previous years. The *Chambers* guide gives students' views of some of the firms as well as tables of salaries, tables showing firms ranked by training contracts and an A to Z of some 500 law firms.

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Lancashire inspired by thrill of the chase

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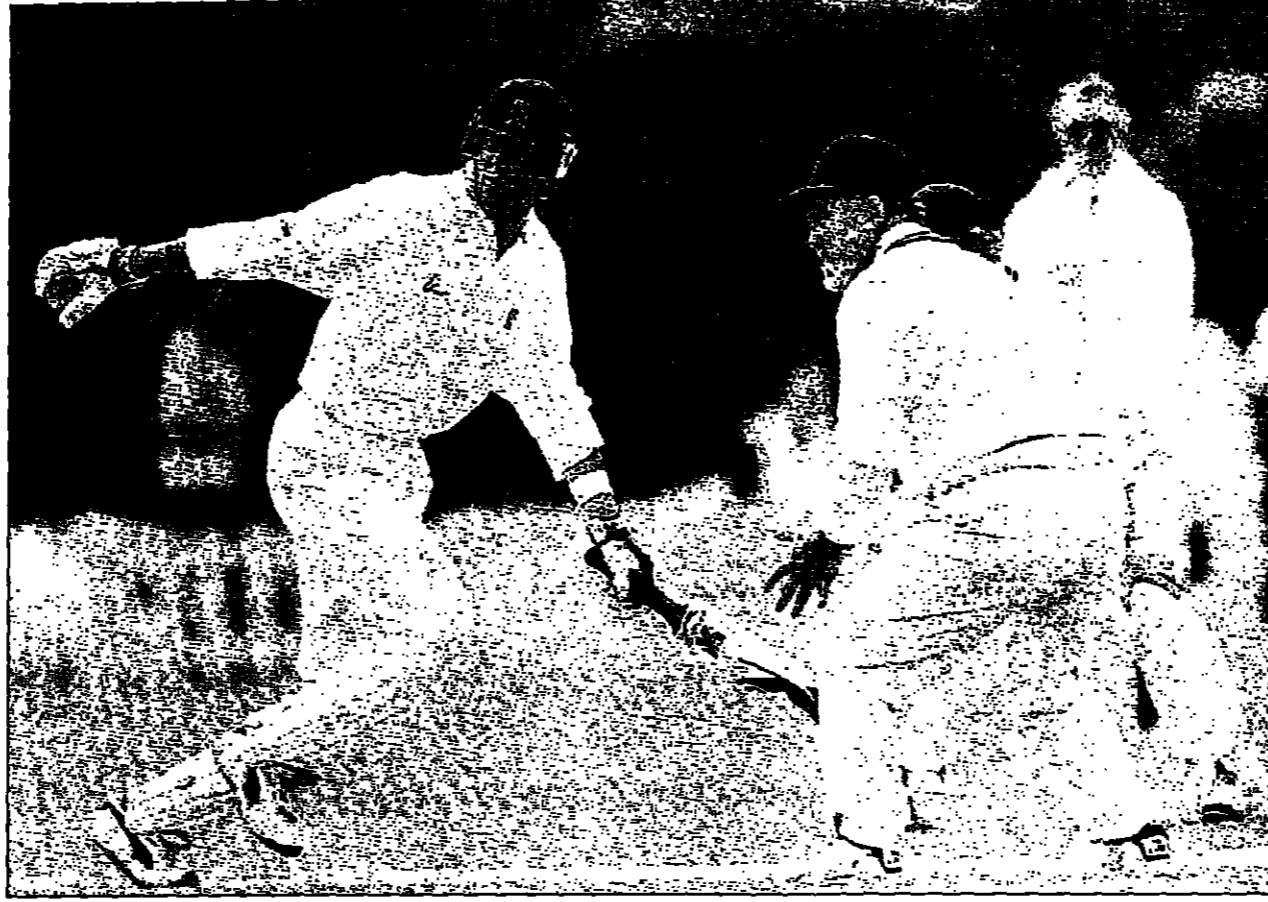
EDGBASTON (final day of four): Lancashire (18pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by four wickets

NOTHING much went right for Brian Lara yesterday. At the end of a long day in the field, Warwickshire were soundly beaten by Lancashire's run-chasing specialists...

TABLE

Table with columns for teams (Surrey, Lancashire, Sussex, etc.), runs, wickets, and other statistics.

fifty of the innings, from 68 balls, by which time he had treated the crowd to two vast sixes. He departed just before the curtain came down in near darkness...



Getting begins to look concerned as Irani completes another run in a spirited chase for victory by Essex yesterday

Tufnell lays down the law

SOUTHGATE (final day of four): Middlesex (8pts) drew with Essex (3)

By John Thirkness

A DAY of superb cricket, to which the teams contributed equally, unpredictably ended in a draw at Southgate, where Mark Ilett and Peter Such, the Essex last pair, were obliged to hold out for 25 balls...

followed with a catch of only marginally less magnitude, running at deep mid-wicket to dispose of Ashley Cowan. The batsman marked the end of the pursuit...

Bevan helps himself to century

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (9pts) drew with Sussex (10)

By John Stern

MICHAEL BEVAN is surely the only man with cause to store away any memories of the painfully turgid and pointless three sessions of cricket at Grace Road yesterday.

His achievement was greeted by applause from only two Leicestershire players, indicating that relations between the two teams were not at their most cordial.

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North-South had a good sequence on the hand below and South followed with an intelligent play. Dealer North Love All Rubber Bridge...

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Meanwhile, world title challenger Alexei Shirov is suffering badly with two losses from his first three games. White: Alexei Shirov Black: Peter Leko...

Players share blame

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (9pts) drew with Hampshire (11)

THE weather did not help. Any hopes of a contrived finish were washed away by rain, which fell throughout the morning and early afternoon...

Wagh lifts Oxford

CANTERBURY (final day of three): Oxford University beat Kent by three wickets

OXFORD warmed up for the University match tomorrow with victory over Kent off the last ball, despite the loss of more than two hours to rain...

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards for various cricket matches including Lancashire v Glamorgan, Leicestershire v Sussex, and others.

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Richard Evans on the challenges ahead for the Jockey Club

Spence shrugs off weight of history

The mere mention of the title can be enough to raise a ruffled feather... rather like the Gentleman Usher and Sergeant at Arms of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England...



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To that end, one of his first acts as successor to Sir Thomas Pilkington will be to write to the chairmen of all the sports' main bodies setting out the Jockey Club's main roles and inviting their comments and concerns...

tion gets underway, which some believe is Savill's attempt to reduce the number of club directors - four at present - on the board. The irony will not be lost on those who tread racing's corridors of power...

er inside a year and expect every element to be absolutely right. It is a good thing to look at it again after five years and ask 'Were they right at the time? Is it working and, if not, what should we do about it?'

As the chief executive of an investment banking company who has a detailed grasp of racing's finances, he shares Savill's view about the desirous return received from betting...

Stute, who has won the years with Opera House, is an insatiable. A similar type brought along pasteurized Brigadier General...

Spence represents hope for those who believe in calm and constructive continuity. "What I object to is weak recourses being subsidised from limited resources."

COMPANY GOLF DAYS RESULTS

Table with columns: Date, Company name, Venue, Adjusted Score. Lists results for various companies like Durham County Waste, Mees Pierson, etc.

RICHARD EVANS Nap: Alcayde (4.00 Chepstow)

John Dunlop is a master at improving horses as they step up their trip. Alcayde for an eye-catching booking...

RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

Table titled 'CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES - Sandown Park, July 4'. Lists horses and their odds.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Table with columns: Meeting, Race, Winner, Odds. Lists results from Pontefract, Southwell, Hamilton Park, and Windsor.

HAMILTON PARK THUNDERER

2.15 HENRY THE HAWK, 2.45 THORNTON GOLD, 3.15 RICE LANE, 3.45 JUST BOB, 4.15 ADVANCE EAST, 4.45 ON CALL.

CHEPSTOW

Table with columns: Race, Winner, Odds. Lists results for various races at Chepstow.

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 SUMMER SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O, £2,374; 1m 14yd) (12 runners)

Table listing horses and odds for the Summer Selling Stakes.

2.30 BREAM CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O, £2,304; 6f 18yd) (10 runners)

Table listing horses and odds for the Bream Claiming Stakes.

3.00 49'S STEWARDS TRIAL HANDICAP (SHOWCASE RACE) (£5,905; 5f 10yd) (10 runners)

Table listing horses and odds for the 49's Stewards Trial Handicap.

3.30 CAFFEY'S IRISH ALE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O, £2,566; 1m 2f 36yd) (12 runners)

Table listing horses and odds for the Caffey's Irish Ale Maiden Stakes.

4.00 PHILIP JONES 21ST BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (3-Y-O, £3,648; 1m 2f 36yd) (8 runners)

Table listing horses and odds for the Philip Jones 21st Birthday Handicap.

4.30 LIONS LODGE HANDICAP (£2,865; 2m) (9 runners)

Table listing horses and odds for the Lions Lodge Handicap.

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Injury to Korda boosts Briton's chances of securing semi-final place

Henman excels to resume normal service

By Julian Muscat, Tennis Correspondent

THE genie in Tim Henman was loosed from its bottle of constraint to run riot at Wimbledon yesterday.



TELEVISION TODAY: BBC2 12.00-2.45pm, BBC1 1.40-3.15pm, BBC2 8.30-10.20pm

It was the performance for which the nation been waiting. Assurance replaced Henman's fumbling efforts of the first week.

straight sets on his last encounter with Henman three months ago.

Henman's transformation yesterday will not surprise those who have charted his turbulent year.

To make matters worse for Korda, the No 3 seed slipped and badly stretched the Achilles tendon in his left leg yesterday when in the throes of victory against John Van Lottum.

early in the third set, aed his way through a protracted game of seven deuces to hold for a 3-0 lead.

Henman set about Rafer with rare intent from the opening point. He struck early in the contest, prising away Rafer's service with a waspish backhand return for a set-winning lead.

Henman struck again at Rafer's service midway through the second set, this time with a whipped cross-court forehand pass of considerable invention to lead 3-2.

Henman's service was the bedrock of his triumph. Earlier in the tournament he swung too wildly and displayed poor judgment when backed into a corner.



Henman plays a typically aggressive backhand volley during his stirring Centre Court victory over Rafer

out unduly compromising its bite. It was altogether a more rounded display than we have seen from him for some time.

Rafter played his part in a match that ran contrary to the weather. It started without promise under a warm sun before unfolding into an absorbing struggle under darkening skies.

appeared to tire, perhaps drained by Henman's unrelenting assault.

Henman's stinging performances of the first week have been consigned to memory. The nation will hope that Henman can also erase the memory of his poor performance against Michael Stich in the Wimbledon quarter-final last year.

Beyond Korda the formidable hurdle of Pete Sampras looms. The defending champion, yesterday showed that he remains the man to beat with an efficient dismissal of Thomas Enqvist.

Enqvist is a dangerous opponent and Sampras was pleased to prevail in straight sets. Several times Enqvist made inroads into the Sampras service, although the American held firm when that mattered most. The way that

Sampras saved three break points late in the third set was beyond reproach. Each time he took aim and powered down aces to keep Enqvist at bay.

Also in clinical form was Richard Krajicek, seeded No 9, who dismissed Nicolas Pietrangeli, of Germany, in straight sets. Krajicek therefore stays on course for a semi-final showdown with Goran Ivanisevic, who beat Daniel Vacek.

Crowds miss out on Dutch treat

By Nick Szczepanik

MANY spectators walked past No 8 Court yesterday afternoon and, after a cursory glance, walked on. No Sampras, no Hingis, no glamour — just a men's doubles match featuring four Dutch blokes they had never heard of. It was their loss.

Paul Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh, the No 1 seeds, also-rans as singles players but the top-ranked doubles partnership in the world, were taking a further step towards a possible final showdown with Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, of Australia, their great rivals and the champions, by seeing off Jan Siemerink and Ferton Wibier in straight sets.

The Wimbledon title would be especially sweet in this, the final year of a partnership that began in August 1992: Eltingh is leaving the Tour at the end of the year. "I love matches, it's the other things," he said. Who will Haarhuis play with thereafter? "He hasn't talked about it: we are only thinking about doing as well as possible this year." Five tournaments out of seven have been won so far, including the French Open: five remain, the last being the world championships, and the aim is to retain their No 1 ranking to the end.

Their first took top slot in 1994, although Woodbridge and Woodforde wrested it from them the next year, only for the Dutchmen to regain it this year. The secret of such a longstanding success, Eltingh said, is honesty. "And don't keep bitching. That's important too."

Siemerink and Wibier were seen as tricky opponents, but the favourites broke in the ninth game and Eltingh served out confidently for the first set. The second went more quickly. Eltingh again rounding it off with an unanswered service game.

Woodbridge and Woodforde also came through in straight sets, as did Hingis and Novotna, the top women's seeds. Neil Broad, the British player, and Pietrangeli, of South Africa, beat Brassas and Knipshchild in three sets, while the British pairing of Danni Sapsford and Chris Wilkinson, the first set against Donald Johnson and Francisco Montana, the No 6 seeds, but lost 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.

A summit meeting of the united nations of doubles between the Thai, the Pole, the Slovak and the German ended with Tamarine Tanusugarn and Magdalena Grzybowska eliminating Husrarova and Barbara Rittner.

Unlikely champion Krajicek eases quietly closer to final

By Alex Ramsay

NOW keep it quiet and pretend you have not noticed — he prefers it that way — but everything is looking good for Richard Krajicek. While all the attention is aimed at the top half of the draw and the likes of Sampras, Korda and Henman, all the significant obstacles in the way of the tall Dutchman at the start of the championships appear to have been washed away in the rain.

Yesterday he moved carefully past Nicolas Pietrangeli 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 to set up a fourth-round appointment with Wayne Ferreira and his dodgy ankle. After that, he is looking at the possibility of Goran Ivanisevic and his dodgy mind in the semi-finals.

In the meantime, Krajicek has his own dodgy knee to contend with while everyone else is talking about a Krajicek-Sampras final.

In the days before he won the title, Krajicek's main claim to fame was for insulting people in press conferences. It was he who referred to the women players as "lazy, fat pigs" and, while he has not been quite so outspoken since, this week he has been having a quiet dig at Pete Sampras.

According to Krajicek's calculations, the world No 1 should really be ranked around the ten or 11 mark judging by his performance this year. The points that go towards qualifying for the annual end of season tournaments, the ATP Tour world championships, appear to confirm the fact but, even so,

Sampras is unlikely to be pleased that Krajicek has pointed it out.

In many ways Krajicek is an unlikely champion, his body is completely out of proportion. The feet are too small for the legs, the legs are too long for the body and the head is too small for the shoulders. Even the results are out of proportion for the amount of potential as he has claimed just 13 titles in his nine years on the circuit.

But one of those titles just happens to be Wimbledon and that is what is giving Krajicek a quiet air of calm. No one tipped him for success when he won the title two years ago. He had been written off as a

one stroke player — the huge service — with little stomach for battle and even less of a backhand and yet he dismantled Sampras in the quarter-finals thanks to a razor-sharp backhand return. Yesterday he was lucky to get the shot in court, much less cause Kiefer any trouble with it. Still, at least the service was firing on all cylinders as he pumped down 26 aces and that was more than enough to blow the little man away.

In the absence of Andre Agassi, Kiefer is the next best thing. He cuts his hair the same way, he sports the same goatee beard and wears the same baggy clothes. Of more

relevance, and it was not lost on Krajicek, is the fact that "sometimes on the court he is also like Agassi in that he's not as sharp as he should be".

Staying sharp was hard enough for both men — they started yesterday at noon and, after less than an hour, were back in the locker room when the rain returned to leave them kicking their heels for more than 2½ hours. But when they got back on court it was Krajicek who had kept his powder dry.

Against such firepower, Kiefer could do little but Krajicek knows that Ferreira will be a different proposition. "I don't want to think about the final," he said. "I'm just going to work a little bit more on my returns tomorrow before I play and then I think I have a chance of doing something very nice here." Whether or not Sampras sees it that way remains to be seen.



All appears rosy for Krajicek

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Departing Briton bequeaths Wimbledon a rare taste of normal life

Smith provides virtual reality

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

Perhaps the nicest part about the Sam Smith story... though it has all been rather a delight, apart from the last bit - was her unaffected delight on hearing that she would receive £25,000 for reaching the third round.

Well, it is, for just about everybody who was there at Wimbledon, but most tennis players would be insulted if they were fined as little as that for racket abuse. It was a rare moment, a collector's item: a tennis player behaving like a normal person.

The delightful Smith is a normal person. She took three years out to lead a normal life, if you can call being a student normal. She has known the trouble of a debilitating virus, which she believes was a mild form of that troublesome and misunderstood disease, ME.

Smith has known real life and real troubles, and has done enough to encourage the thought that tennis might start a Campaign for Real People. It would, though, be doomed from the start. As Bill Parcells, the former coach of the New York Giants, said, when questioned about a bout of fisticuffs he had had with one of his own players: "Look! This is not a game for well-adjusted people."

But Smith gives an alarming impression of being just that. Her adventures in reaching her fourth-round tie against Nathalie Tauziat, of France, have given great delight. Fascinating facts: after Smith's defeat of Conchita Martínez, she became the first British woman to beat a former Wimbledon champion since Virginia Wade beat Chris Evert in 1977.

The last Briton to beat a top-ten player in a grand-slam event was Jo Durie, who defeated Anke Huber in Paris in 1992. British women have not beaten any seeds at all at Wimbledon since 1990, when Sara Gomer beat Manuela Maleeva and Sarah Loosmore beat Barbara Paulus.

So much for the history lesson,

She believes she can seize and hold a place in the top 50. I'm a really motivated person. I'm really goal-oriented. Yesterday was something of a throwback day: back to the days when writing of plucky British losers was a de rigeur aspect of the Wimbledon experience: what we expected and what we got.

Watching Smith being outplayed was to remember all those pieces we used to read, normally in the first week of Wimbledon, about how we British somehow lack the killer instinct. There was something of that about Smith yesterday though not last Saturday when she beat Manziuc.

The point about the killer instinct is that it is not distributed according to national boundaries. Admittedly it is a pretty rare thing to find in a British tennis player, but the fact is that it is pretty rare to find it in anybody, no matter what sport a person plays, or where he or she was born and/or raised.

Henman showed he has the killer instinct yesterday. Watching Smith, you would have thought that she did not. There were a few points she failed to finish, a few too many unforced errors. But the problem with playing a match when that kind of pressure is put upon you by your opponent is that the errors are forced by pressure created on the previous point, or points.

So it was with Smith yesterday. But she is a genuinely confident person - most of the confidence-gibberish sports people give us is just coach-sought nonsense - and she has Henman's skip, she has the same innate, though frightfully British, sense of muted theatricality. As she left court, she raised her hand twice and snatched it away: a tad shy to wave goodbye.

Well, perhaps it was just a *revolir*. I heard a brand new football cliché, freshly minted yesterday, when watching Mexico v Germany during a rain delay. Ron Atkinson said: "The keeper done brave." Well, the girl Smith done brave. Next year she aims to do braver.

It is a potential headache for overworked athletes, who will already have competed in the European championships, their main priority, a month earlier. They must choose between competing for Britain in Johannesburg, where \$3.5 million (around £2.1 million) of prize-money will be at stake? Or do they turn out for their individual home nations in the Games, where nothing is on offer but glory? Or do they undertake a hectic schedule and do both?

Max Jones, the British team leader and performance

director of UK Athletics 98, the sports' interim governing body, hailed the victory as helping "the sport rise like a phoenix from the flames", and naturally wants to call upon the strongest possible team for Johannesburg. Yet he insisted yesterday that he understood the dilemma of the athletes and would not be enforcing a "three-line whip" to ensure that the elite all compete in South Africa.

"We know it could be a problem for athletes who want to go to both events, but we will leave it up to the individ-

uals," he said. "Athletes will have different opinions about which is more important to their careers but if they choose to do both, we will do what we can to help."

Colin Jackson will double up, having booked his flight from Johannesburg to Malaysia five months ago; Roger Black, the British men's captain, plans to miss the Commonwealth Games, while Paula Radcliffe, who seems certain to be invited to compete for a European select team in Johannesburg, will turn down the offer to concentrate on Kuala Lumpur.



Smith betrays the frustration of imminent defeat by Tauziat

Serena's injury forces sister act off the agenda

By Nick Szczepanik

THERE promised to be Williams sisters everywhere yesterday. Both Venus and Serena had routine-looking singles matches scheduled early, with their first doubles appearance at the tournament due on a little later. All this was to be a curtain-raiser for today's show of sibling rivalry as the two faced each other across the net in a fourth round match.

Unfortunately, the picture editors' dream encounter will not take place. Sound technicians, however, can breathe a sigh of relief: the rattling of two sets of beaded locks and twice as many fierce expulsions of breath will not now overwhelm them. A leg injury paid to that, as Serena retired when 5-7, 1-4 down against Virginia Ruzici, of Spain.

Serena received treatment after the ninth game and resumed with her calf heavily strapped, but she was completely out of sorts. Already a set down, she opened the second with a gruesome loss of line service to love, and all sense of line and length seemed to have deserted her.

It should also be mentioned that Ruzici was playing well, finding the corners where Serena had difficulty even finding the tramlines, and reaching the net to much better effect. "She had a pretty good day, but if I had been in better shape it wouldn't have been happening at all," Serena said gracefully.

If the injury was as bad as that, it took seven games for her to reach a decision: as it was, she took a consolation game for 1-4 before throwing in the towel. Mentally, she had retired several games before. "I could have carried on, but I had to think of the future," Serena said. "I don't want to hurt myself over something silly and be out for, maybe, two months, just because I didn't stop. I think I was going to do very well this year and in the future I definitely see myself as one of the champions, because I played very well on the grass."

probably, as a grass-court expert, the modest Ms Williams will be offering her elder sister advice as she attempts to rescue the family honour against Ruano Pascal today.

"She [Venus] might go a long way now that I'm out of the draw. I'll give her some tips. We'd never met on grass, so it would have been interesting. We were pretty excited and it was going to be pretty exciting for England."

Quite, the talk in the pubs has been of nothing else.

Venus beat Chanda Rubin in straight sets, but, as usual, refused to venture away from her baseline. Rubin found that there were points



Serena Williams feels the strain

to be had at the net and the crowd favoured the more adventurous approach of Rubin. "I've made empty promises," Venus said. "I said I was going to be at the net and nothing was going to stop me. I definitely should, but it doesn't mean that I will."

A greater shock than the demise of Serena Williams was averted when Arantxa Sánchez Vicario started slowly again, but recovered from 2-5 down in the first set to advance at the expense of Sylvia Pliskche, of Austria. "I will try to start well at the beginning next match," she said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

England planning shake-up

HOCKEY: A shake-up in the English game will come into force in the 1999-2000 season, with a new structure aimed at improving standards for international competition. The men's league will consist of a premier division and first division of ten teams and a second division of 12, while the women will play in three divisions of ten.

Promotion and relegation will be on a one-up, one-down basis except for two-up, two-down between the men's first and second divisions. Placings will be decided on the final standings in the 1998-99 season.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Allan Langer is set to re-sign for Brisbane Broncos, which would scupper a move by London Broncos to sign the Australia international scrum half. Langer, 31, has been offered a reduced contract within the National Rugby League's new salary cap, which is expected to trigger a move by dozens of Australian players to the British game.

The Rugby Football League is looking at Twickenham and the new Millennium Stadium in Cardiff as possible venues for the Silk Cup Challenge Cup final in 2000 and 2001 while Wembley is being rebuilt.

SAILING: Tim Robinson, of Great Britain, failed to extend his lead in the Bausch & Lomb 18ft skiff international regatta at Fowey yesterday when he finished second in the long third race, only to be disqualified for being over the start line early. Robinson, sailing Rockport with the Australians, Ed Smyth and Dave Witt, showed good speed on Sunday when he won the first two races at the head of the 18-strong field that is made up of British, Australian, Danish and French crews.

CRICKET: Scotland take on Ireland at Greenock today in the opening match of the annual Triple Crown tournament. Ireland will be the biggest obstacle to another Scotland title in a four-team tournament that includes Wales and an England ECB XI.

ATHLETICS: ST PETERSBURG TRIUMPH BRINGS DILEMMA FOR MEN'S TEAM

Britain face double booking

THE triumphant Great Britain men's team may have rejuvenated the sport at domestic level, but their unexpected European Cup triumph in St Petersburg has left many of them facing a possible cash versus medals dilemma later this season.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns: BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, BOWLS, MOTOR RACING, RUGBY LEAGUE, FIXTURES, CRICKET, GOLF, POOLS FORECAST, SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE, WEST AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE, QUEENSLAND FIRST DIVISION, ALWAYS, TENNIS, SPEEDWAY, TENNIS, WIMBLEDON JUNIOR RESULTS, BRITISH TENNIS LEAGUE, TENNIS, WIMBLEDON JUNIOR RESULTS, BRITISH TENNIS LEAGUE, TENNIS.

Henley's waters flow fast

COACHES were keeping an interested eye on the river at Henley yesterday as the stream quickened, giving the advantage to the towpath station on the Berkshire bank.

Irish repeat victory in fine style

IRELAND'S victory over England in the home international series at Ayr Northfield yesterday was their second in succession. Just as they did at Worthing last year, the Irish won on four of the six stinks and took 18 of the 22 points on offer.

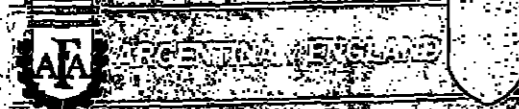
There was something special about the win, however. It is rare that Tony Allcock and Andy Thomson, England's senior skips, concede thirty shots, but Allcock lost 35-22 and Thomson went down 30-15.

"We played badly and they were brilliant," Thomson said, explaining his rink's defeat by Gary Scott's quartet. Allcock, who lost to Sammy Allen's rink, said: "The game ebbed and flowed. I thought we played well, but Jeremy was unbelievable."

He was referring to Jeremy Henry, Allen's No 3, number three, who helped his 59-year-old skip to win the world outdoor pairs title two years ago. Henry, who is just 24, is the only man to have won British singles titles, indoors and out, at both junior and senior levels.

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# THE WORLD CUP TODAY



### FROM ROB HUGHES

The word from the England camp is that Glenn Hoddle will resist the temptation to change a winning team and will, at least at the start, give the St-Etienne stage to the XI who mastered Colombia so emphatically last Friday. It may be good for continuity and it makes sense after the surrender to Romania that finally convinced even Hoddle that Sheringham is past tense. Owen the future. However, it is wise to proceed with caution. Argentina will pose far more problems than the old pretenders of Colombia.

At the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard, England meet opponents with the youth, fitness and confidence to be regarded among the World Cup favourites. Beat this side and the street parties may really have meaning: even the most sceptical may start to believe in front pages that dress members of the present team in the hallowed shirts of the 1966 winners.

When the contest begins, the Shearer-Owen partnership, or the free-kick sorcery of Beckham, will have to achieve something that three vanquished opponents — Japan, Jamaica and Croatia — could not: score against Argentina. Then Seaman and his defenders must be the first to stop Batistuta and Ortega striking at the other end. This was where Hoddle's leanings towards caution must have considered deploying Batty in a containing role to prevent Ortega. Simeone or Verton creating chances for Batistuta and Lopez, his industrious attacking partner.

The conundrum was who to drop for the negativity of Batty? It has not made good teams cower when Ince and Batty are in tandem and Beckham, as his goal against Colombia demonstrated, has the priceless ability to turn a free kick into a goal. If England begin as they did against Colombia in the encounter tonight, it would be a statement of intent to outscore Argentina — which, with Batistuta hungry for goals, is living dangerously. But victory was never the prize for timidity.

**ARGENTINA** (probable): 3-3-2: 1 R Carlos — 14 N Vivas, 2 R Ayala, 6 R Simeone — 22 J Zendeja, 5 M Almada, 8 D Simeone — 11 J Veron, 10 A Ortega — 9 G Batistuta, 7 C Ortega.  
**ENGLAND** (probable): 3-4-1-2: 1 D Seaman — 12 G Neville, 5 A Adams, 2 S Campbell — 14 D Arundell, 7 D Beckham, 4 P Rice, 3 G L. Shearer — 10 F Scholes — 20 M Owen, 9 A Shearer. Referee: K. Nielsen (Denmark).  
**COVERAGE:** Television: ITV (from 7.30pm, live); Eurosport (from 10pm, coverage); Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live (from 7.30pm); Talk Radio (from 8pm).

### HOT SHOTS

**3:** C Vieri (Italy).  
**4:** G Batistuta (Argentina), M Salas (Chile), L Hernandez (Mexico).  
**5:** César Sampaio (Brazil), Ronaldo (Brazil), T Haary (France), J Klinsmann (Germany), O Bierhoff (Germany).  
**2:** A Ortega (Argentina), M Wiltona (Belgium), Bebeto (Brazil), D Bulter (Croatia), D Bergkamp (Holland), R de Boer (Holland), P Cocca (Holland), R Baggio (Italy), T Whitmore (Jamaica), R Pulisic (Mexico), A Hadda (Morocco), S Bessir (Morocco), V Mkolodov (Romania), S Bartlett (South Africa), F Hierro (Spain), F Mendez (Spain), Kike (Spain), S Komljenovic (Yugoslavia).

### ARGENTINA BACKED

The "professional money" is on Argentina to beat England tonight. Ladbrokes quote them at 8-13 with England at 6-5. England are 2-1 to win in 90 minutes, their longest odds to win a match since the final qualifying game against Italy. Galathea Batistuta is 4-1 to score first.

Day	Time	Match	TV	Category
Sunday July 12	8pm	France vs Croatia	R5L/Talk	FINAL
Saturday July 11	8pm	France vs Croatia	R5L/Talk	THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF
<b>REST DAYS</b>				
Wednesday July 8	8pm	Italy/France v Lyons winner	R5L/Talk	SEMIFINALS
Tuesday July 7	8pm	Brazil/Denmark v Marseilles winner	R5L/Talk	SEMIFINALS
<b>REST DAYS</b>				
Saturday July 4	3.30pm	Holland v Argentina/England	R5L/Talk	QUARTER FINALS
Friday July 3	8pm	Germany v Croatia/Romania	R5L/Talk	QUARTER FINALS
Friday July 3	3.30pm	Italy v France	R5L/Talk	QUARTER FINALS
Friday July 3	8pm	Brazil v Denmark	R5L/Talk	QUARTER FINALS
<b>REST DAYS</b>				
Monday June 29	8pm	Romania v Croatia	BBC, R5L/Talk	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Monday June 29	8pm	Argentina v England	ITV, R5L/Talk	
Sunday June 28		Germany 2 (Klinsmann 75; Bierhoff 86) Mexico 1 (Hernández 47)	35,000	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Sunday June 28		Holland 2 (Bergkamp 37, Davids 90) Yugoslavia 1 (Komljenovic 49)		
Saturday June 27		France 1 (Blanc 114) Paraguay 0 (aet)	41,275	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Saturday June 27		Nigeria 1 (Babangida 77) Denmark 4 (Moller 3; B Laudrup 12; Sand 59; Helveg 76)	79,500	
Saturday June 26		Italy 1 (Vieri 18) Norway 0	59,500	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Saturday June 26		Brazil 4 (César Sampaio 11, 27; Ronaldo 45, pen, 70) Chile 1 (Salas 68)	48,500	
Friday June 25		Group H: Japan 1 (Nakayama 75) Jamaica 2 (Whitmore 39, 54)	43,500	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Friday June 25		Group H: Argentina 1 (Pineda 36) Croatia 0	35,000	
Friday June 25		Group G: Romania 1 (Moldovan 72) Tunisia 1 (Souayah 10, pen)	80,000	
Friday June 25		Group G: Colombia 0 England 2 (Anderton 20; Beckham 30)	41,275	
Friday June 25		Group E: Belgium 1 (Nils 7) South Korea 1 (Yoo Sang-Chul 70)	48,500	
Thursday June 24		Group E: Holland 2 (Cocu 4; R de Boer 19) Mexico 2 (Pelaez 75; Hernández 90)	35,500	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Thursday June 24		Group F: Germany 2 (Bierhoff 50; Klinsmann 58) Iran 0	35,000	
Thursday June 24		Group F: United States 0 Yugoslavia 1 (Komljenovic 4)	39,000	
Thursday June 24		Group C: France 2 (Djorkaeff 13, pen; Petit 56) Denmark 1 (M Laudrup 42, pen)	43,500	
Thursday June 24		Group C: South Africa 1 (McCarty 52) Denmark 1 (Nielsen 13)	36,500	
Wednesday June 23		Group B: Italy 2 (Vieri 49, R Baggio 90) Austria 1 (Herzog 90, pen)	75,000	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Wednesday June 23		Group B: Chile 1 (Sierra 21) Cameroon 1 (Mboma 56)	39,000	
Wednesday June 23		Group A: Scotland 0 Morocco 3 (Bassir 22, 85; Hadda 47)	35,500	
Wednesday June 23		Group A: Brazil 1 (Bebeto 78) Norway 2 (T A Flo 83; Rekdal 88, pen)	55,000	
Tuesday June 22		Group G: Colombia 1 (Preciado 83) Tunisia 0	35,000	
Tuesday June 22		Group G: Romania 2 (Moldovan 47; Petrescu 90) England 1 (Owen 83)	36,500	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Sunday June 21		Group F: Germany 2 (Mihajlovic 73, og; Bierhoff 80)	40,775	
Sunday June 21		Group H: Argentina 1 (Pineda 36) Croatia 0	35,000	
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Sunday June 21		Group F: United States 1 (McBride 87) Iran 2 (Estili 40; Mahdavi 84)	43,500	
Saturday June 20		Group H: Japan 0 Croatia 1 (Suker 77)	39,000	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Saturday June 20		Group E: Belgium 2 (Wilmots 43, 48) Mexico 2 (García Aspe 56, pen; Blanco 63)	34,750	
Saturday June 20		Group E: Holland 1 (Cocu 37; Overmars 41; Bergkamp 71; Van Hooijdonk 79; R de Boer 83) South Korea 0	55,000	
Friday June 19		Group D: Nigeria 1 (Ikeobi 27) Bulgaria 0	48,500	
Friday June 19		Group D: Spain 0 Paraguay 0	35,300	
Friday June 18		Group C: South Africa 1 (McCarty 52) Denmark 1 (Nielsen 13)	36,500	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Friday June 18		Group C: France 4 (Henry 36, 77; Trezeguet 68; Lizarazu 85) Saudi Arabia 0	75,000	
Thursday June 17		Group B: Chile 1 (Salas 70) Austria 1 (Vastic 90)	30,392	
Thursday June 17		Group B: Italy 3 (Di Biagio 8; Vieri 75, 89) Cameroon 0	35,500	
Wednesday June 16		Group A: Scotland 1 (Burley 67) Norway 1 (H Flo 46)	30,236	
Wednesday June 15		Group A: Brazil 3 (Ronaldo 9; Rivaldo 45; Bebeto 50) Morocco 0	33,288	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Tuesday June 14		Group G: England 2 (Shearer 42; Scholes 90) Tunisia 0	54,587	
Tuesday June 14		Group G: Romania 1 (Ilie 45) Colombia 0	37,572	
Tuesday June 14		Group F: Germany 2 (Möller 9; Klinsmann 65) United States 0	43,815	
Monday June 13		Group H: Argentina 1 (Batistuta 28) Japan 0	33,400	
Monday June 12		Group F: Yugoslavia 2 (Mijatovic 13; Stojkovic 54)	30,392	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Monday June 12		Group H: Jamaica 1 (Earle 45) Croatia 3 (Stanic 27; Prosnicki 53; Suker 69)	38,058	
Sunday June 11		Group D: Spain 2 (Hierro 21; Raül 47)	33,257	
Sunday June 11		Group E: South Korea 1 (Ha Seok-Ju 27) Mexico 3 (Pelaez 51; Hernández 74, 82)	37,588	
Sunday June 11		Group E: Holland 0 Belgium 0	75,000	
Saturday June 10		Group D: Paraguay 0 Bulgaria 0	27,650	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Saturday June 10		Group C: Saudi Arabia 0 Denmark 1 (Rieper 68)	38,140	
Saturday June 10		Group C: France 3 (Dugary 35; Issa 78, og; Henry 90) South Africa 0	55,077	
Friday June 9		Group B: Italy 2 (Vieri 10; R Baggio 85, pen) Chile 2 (Salas 45, 50)	31,800	
Friday June 9		Group B: Cameroon 1 (Njanka 77) Austria 1 (Polster 90)	33,460	
Thursday June 8		Group A: Brazil 2 (César Sampaio 4; Boyd 73, og) Scotland 1 (Collins 38, pen)	80,000	SECOND ROUND KNOCKOUT
Thursday June 8		Group A: Morocco 2 (Hadj 38; Hadda 59) Norway 2 (Chippo 45, og; Eggen 61)	29,750	

### FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

Croatia deserve some sympathy. Just before the World Cup finals were due to begin, they lost the inspirational Alen Boksic, who had to undergo a knee operation. Without him, even in the company of Mario Stanic, the midfield player-turned-attacker, the lively Davor Suker has been ploughing a lonely furrow up front. His opportunism has got the Croatians where they are. Jamaica were swept aside, Japan proved a much harder nut to crack, but when it came to the real thing, the final group match against Argentina, Croatia were found wanting.

Romania have been something of a puzzle. They began indifferently against Colombia, seldom raising the pace of their game and profiting from grotesque defensive errors. Their third match, against the modest Tunisia, bordered on fiasco. The whole Romania team, but for Bogdan Stancu, the bald goalkeeper, took the field with hair dyed a metallic gold. Arrogantly, Romania had rested half their team, including George Popescu, their dominant sweeper, and Viorel Moldovan and Adrian Iliu, the lively strikers. When this trio came on, Romania got their equaliser and qualified, ingloriously.

As England discovered, though, the Romanians can raise their game when they want to. In such matches as the one in Toulouse, the refined technique, the flair, the famous left foot, the huge experience of George Hagi, is crucial. The Croatians will find him hard to subdue, though they might have a more effective midfield if they can get Zvonimir Boban fit. The Romania defence is not impregnable, as Michael Owen showed, and Suker will always be lurking with intent. He said he is happy to be in action again after a frustrating season with Real Madrid, but he and his team could well be frustrated in Bordeaux.

**ROMANIA** (probable): 1-2-5-2: 12 B Stancu — 6 George Popescu — 2 D Petrescu, 13 L Ciobotaru — 18 I Filipescu, 10 G Hagi, 16 Gabriel Popescu, 8 V Muraru, 5 C Galca — 9 V Mkolodov, 11 A Iliu.  
**CROATIA** (probable): 1-2-5-2: 1 D Ladic — 14 Z Soldo — 8 S Bek — 4 Simec — 30 D Simic, 8 R Prosnicki, 10 Z Boban, 7 A Arandic, 17 R Jakić — 13 M Stanic, 9 D Suker. Referee: J Castell (Argentina).  
**COVERAGE:** Television: BBC 1 (from 3.15pm, live); Eurosport (from 3.20pm, live); Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live (with Wimbledon, from 1pm); Talk Radio (from 3.30pm).

### CARDS

#### YELLOW

**Brazil:** Célu, Leonardo.  
**Croatia:** Z Soldo (2) — from group phase, misses second-round match.  
**Denmark:** M Rieper.  
**Germany:** M Babel, L Matthäus, M Tarnat, D Hantann.  
**Italy:** L di Biagio, P Maldini, F Moriero.

#### RED

There have been no sendings-off during the knockout phase.  
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#### LATEST CUP ODDS

Germany are still favourites in the betting to win the tournament. Ladbrokes clipped their odds just a point, to 7-1, after the unconvincing victory over Mexico yesterday. Brazil remain 2-1 favourites, while France are 4-1 and England 10-1.

### THE GROUPS

Group	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Group A	3	0	0	9	0	9
Group B	3	1	0	3	1	4
Group C	3	0	2	13	2	2
Group D	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group E	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group F	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group G	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group H	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group I	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group J	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group K	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group L	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group M	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group N	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group O	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group P	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group Q	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group R	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group S	3	0	1	2	2	2
Group T	3	0	1	2	2	2

# Shooting stars locked on collision course

ALAN SHEARER

**Oliver Holt talks to the England captain who still has his sights set on the Golden Boot, despite having to accept a new forward role**

They were laughing and joking as they went through their light training routine at the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in St-Etienne in the brilliant light of late afternoon. Paul Ince, Les Ferdinand and Steve McManaman were the most raucous, standing in a small triangle, juggling the ball between each other. On the other side of the pitch, in the shade of the stand, Alan Shearer was singing.

He was shouting it out, too. It was not the "garbage" he said that he had to listen to in the England dressing-room before matches, a mixture of rap and soul apparently chosen by Rio Ferdinand. This was the old Don McLean number, *American Pie*. "This'll be the day that I die," Shearer was singing. "This'll be the day that I die."

As England approached their game with Argentina and started the possibility of being eliminated from the tournament full in the face for the first time, Shearer's lyrics could have been interpreted as a prophecy of doom. Equally, one might have read them as a lament for what some have seen as his waning hegemony within the team.

Like a giant slab of silver lost in a gold rush, Shearer has found himself usurped as England's most precious meal in this World Cup. In the stampede to acclaim Michael Owen, the England captain's position as the habitual saviour of his country has been subtly altered, his importance as a spearhead diluted. Suddenly, Shearer has competition in the England forward line, a rival for goals, a devourer of sharp chances in the six-yard box, not a partner like Teddy Sheringham, whose role was to be one of his army of providers. He has had to adapt, to begin to accept that he, too, may have to be a creator not just a finisher.

As the tournament has unfolded, his rivals in the race for the Golden Boot — an individual contest that imposes itself on this team event — have outstripped him. Gabriel Batistuta, his opposite number tonight, Christian Vieri, of Italy, Ronaldo, of Brazil, and Oliver Bierhoff, of Germany, are surging ahead in the goal sprint. Shearer only has one.

Tonight, though, is not likely to be the night when Shearer expires. Tonight will be a night for his experience, good at it. It was slightly different with Michael. It gave their unaffiliated expertise and nervelessness in front of goal. Much has been made of the fact that the England team has been changed to accommodate



Shearer will be keen to add to his only goal of the tournament so far, against Tunisia



Batistuta says the team's ambitions are more important than his own, but his body language can suggest otherwise

Owen and David Beckham, but little has been said about how those changes have benefited the England captain.

In the first two games in group G, Shearer got only one clear opportunity on goal. He converted it with his head and set England on the road to victory over Tunisia. Against Romania, he was utterly starved of service, a fact that was paramount in forcing Hoddle to change his side and drop Sheringham and David Barry.

He may not have scored against Colombia in Lens last Friday, but he still looked a different player, a player fed at

ously creates space for Michael to get in behind or vice versa.

Against an Argentina team whose only perceived vulnerability is to a barrage of crosses from wide positions, the smart money is bound to be on Shearer reclaiming his place in the limelight tonight. His mantra, always, is that he does not care whether he scores so long as the team wins but, against Colombia, he looked desperate to add to his tally.

That he will be in direct competition with Batistuta tonight is bound to give him an extra incentive. The prolific Argentina and Fiorentina forward, who was top scorer three seasons in succession in Serie A, has already got a headstart on him and the praise has been pouring in. "You only have to look at his record to see how good he is," Shearer said.

And when his singing had stopped yesterday, his last words before he left made it appear as though *American Pie* had been meant as some sort of ironic riposte. "If we can keep it tight at the back against Batistuta and Ortega," he said, "we've certainly got the ammunition to get a goal or two at their end."

As long as Beckham and Anderton play the providers so adeptly again, Shearer will be back firing the bullets.

"Other countries always thought we were very strong, but very stupid. Now we have got the brains as well as the brawn."

— Tony Adams

It was in Rome last October, England's final hour on the road to this World Cup, where Tony Adams, captain in all but name, spoke for his nation's improvement towards a genuine, international brand of thinking man's football. Tonight in St-Etienne brings examination time for England, and for Adams in particular.

At the very crux of the contest against Argentina will be the way that Adams uses his head, inside and out, against Gabriel Batistuta, the most physical and most proven goalscorer in the tournament. In the air, on the ground, in the first minute or the last, "Bati-gol" is the biggest threat to England.

Statistics in football are for the anoraks, but one makes compulsory reading: Batistuta has scored more goals in fewer games than either of Argentina's soccer gods, Alfredo di Stefano and Diego Maradona. His record is 46 goals in 63 internationals — including four in three matches here.

He tells you, with a look that carries absolutely no conviction, that what matters is not that he hits the net but that Argentina capture the trophy for the third time in 20 years. You disregard his words because the body language tells another story... that in response to the coach, Daniel Passarella, dropping him for World Cup qualifying games, ostensibly because Batistuta's flowing locks were against the stern discipline, the macho style that Passarella demands, "Bati-

## GABRIEL BATISTUTA Rob Hughes assesses the forward whose record strikes fear into the best defenders

"He will strike and strike again to prove his point"

Stade Geoffroy-Guichard, where the 36,000 capacity is fearfully small for a meeting so replete with history, with expectation and with misplaced but nonetheless huge nationalistic weight upon it. You will have read about Antonio Ratin in 1966, about the Hand of You Know Who in 1986 and about the Falklands. You should have an appreciation of Argentine skill through the decade that Osvaldo Ardiles gave to Tottenham Hotspur and of the explosive flair that Ricky Villa more fleetingly imposed in the same colours.

Yet if today has roots in history, one should recall that the nations were friends long, long before they were briefly enemies. So, while Passarella, a ferocious player and a winner of the World Cup in 1978, personifies the force for which Argentina are renowned, there are those in his team who represent the finer qualities of technique and adaptable movement through which their brand of football surpassed England's through the Seventies and Eighties.

There is the little man directly behind Batistuta, Ariel Ortega, who, while not exactly Maradona, from whom he inherited the No 10 shirt, is a chunky, crafty, artful creator. And there is Juan Sebastian Veron, whose

shaven head is a symbol of carrying his coach's credo to the ultimate. Veron meets reporters with a direct eye and a firm, positive attitude. He states categorically that Argentina produces better footballers than Italy. True or false, Veron, 23, is part of a new Argentina, the post-Maradona era, which lacks aggression with technique, invention with destruction. Recent, powerful Argentina youth sides have regularly won Fifa fair-play commendations, but remember who the trainer is, expect an unyielding emphasis on the result. As Passarella said: "I know the consequences of defeat. We respect England as one of the teams who can win the World Cup, but anything less than taking the Cup back to Buenos Aires will be a disappointment."

Passarella's statements are like the haircuts he tried to order, with the conspicuous lack of success in Batistuta's case short and to the point. As pleasing as England's injection of youth against Colombia proved, I suspect that in St-Etienne tonight, Owen, Beckham, Campbell, Scholes et al will learn a lesson. Argentina, not a great deal older but more accustomed to the highly technical demands abroad, are prospective world champions; England, with their enviable emergence of promising lads, have found the nucleus for a future.

If "Bati-gol" flows like his long, defiant locks, then the dream is over for England. But if Adams applies the tourniquet, if indeed brain is allied to brawn, then the inevitable euphoria on the streets from London to Newcastle would begin to be justifiable. For where Colombia were acquiescent, Argentina are genuine contenders.

## 'Against Colombia, he looked desperate to add to his tally'

last, released from starvation. Suddenly, Beckham and Darren Anderton were firing in crosses from the right and the pace of Owen, far from hindering Shearer and cramping his style, opened up the space that he thrives on. But for the heroics of Mondragon, the Colombia goalkeeper, he might have had a hat-trick.

"I had to change the way I played slightly on Friday night because of Michael," Shearer said. "I enjoyed that. It had a little bit of everything for me. I dropped deeper, I went long, I had one or two chances. With Michael up front, you've always got that advantage of knowing that if you do knock the ball over the top for him, then eight or nine times out of ten he is going to get there."

"Before, I'd stay up front most of the time and let Teddy or Scholes drop deeper, because that's what they are good at. It was slightly different with Michael. It gave their unaffiliated expertise and nervelessness in front of goal. Much has been made of the fact that the England team has been changed to accommodate

	v Tunisia	v Romania	v Colombia	Total
Minutes on pitch	90	90	90	270
Goals	1	0	0	1
Shots on target (inc goals)	2	0	0	2
Shots off target	0	0	0	0
Blocked shots	1	0	0	1
Fouls conceded	3	2	6	11
Fouls won	10	1	3	14
Offside	0	1	1	2
Yellow cards	0	0	1	1

	v Japan	v Jamaica	v Croatia	Total
Minutes on pitch	90	90	90	270
Goals	1	0	4	5
Shots on target (inc goals)	2	1	8	11
Shots off target	1	2	2	5
Blocked shots	5	0	0	5
Fouls conceded	1	2	2	5
Fouls won	5	2	3	10
Offside	0	0	2	2
Yellow cards	0	0	0	0

**GOLDEN** goal: a cruel, heartless device, dreamt up in the sado-masochism department of Fifa, the sport's world governing body, or a dramatic, made-for-television delight? Discuss...

Judging by the reaction of David Ginola, the BBC pundit, it is an innovation that can be strangled at birth, thrown into the nearest bin and never again inflicted upon the World Cup viewer, let alone the players. He managed to avoid the stereotypical "sacré bleu" response, but his anguish was obvious.

In fairness, his angst was mostly caused because it was his beloved France who were forced to endure golden-goal torture in their second-round match against Paraguay in Lens. Had it been another

## Golden shot irks Ginola

country, it is safe to assume that his emotions would not have been so shredded. "I am very quiet now," Ginola said at the end of the full time. "I don't want to think about it," he said at half-time in extra time. "If we are eliminated, it will be a nightmare for everyone."

Strangely, his inner turmoil led him into an area he had previously left unexplored — criticism. Didier Deschamps, the France captain, was not playing well and Ginola explained why he had not been replaced. "He is not a good player, but he is a friend of the manager," Ginola said. Controversial or what?



In the end, France went through courtesy of Laurent Blanc's golden goal. Ginola, his gorgeous, pointing looks drained, could barely talk. "This was very important," he said. "I don't like penalties." It is unlikely that he will survive the tournament if France re-

peat the experience against Italy in the quarter-finals. Contrast Ginola's genuine torment with the banal utterings of Caroline Abner, alias Mrs Merion, on ITV's *Fantasy World Cup*. Why she was invited to appear as a guest, when her knowledge of football could be contained in a thimble, is beyond rational thought.

"I liked it. I think all the games should have golden goals," she said. Even Skinner and Baddiel, the programme's presenters and connoisseurs of the bizarre, could hardly believe her answer. The debate will go on, long after the World Cup finals, of

whether the goal is truly golden or whether it is a Fifa tampering too far. Rarely can one moment produce such ecstasy and misery; even a penalty shoot-out still offers a way out if the spot kick is missed early enough.

No such drama for ITV yesterday, with Germany's infuriating cussedness prevailing in their 2-1 victory against Mexico in Montpellier. Oliver Bierhoff rescued the European champions as extra time loomed and the television executives sighed in disappointment.

No sudden-death, tear-stained scenes, no quivering panellists. Perhaps the golden goal does have its merits, after all.

RUSSELL KEMPSON

## Smith accepts offer from Wednesday

EVERTON have failed in their attempt to divert Walter Smith's attention from the vacant managerial position at Sheffield Wednesday. Smith will be announced as the new Wednesday manager at a press conference this afternoon, despite a counter-offer from Goodison Park.

Smith left his position as manager of Rangers at the end of last season, but had been expected to accept the offer of a new executive role at Ibrox. He has, however, been made an offer by Wednesday that he said he "can't refuse".

For Wednesday, the appointment is regarded as a minor triumph, given their increasingly frustrating search for a manager after the decision not to renew Ron Atkinson's contract in June. The Frenchmen, Gerard Houllier and Philippe Troussier, were both linked with the vacancy at Hillsborough.

Tottenham Hotspur have completed the signing of Paolo Tramezzani, a 27-year-old defender, for £1.35 million from Piacenza. The Serie A club Blackburn Rovers continued their summer spending by signing Sebastien Perez, a 24-year-old French defender, from Bastia.

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First player to score	England to win	1-0	2-0	2-1	3-0	3-1
Owen	£580	£920	£920	£3020	£2520	
Shearer	£580	£920	£920	£3020	£2520	
Anderton	£1220	£2020	£2020	£5520	£5020	
Beckham	£1220	£2020	£2020	£5520	£5020	
First player to score	Argentina to win	1-0	2-0	2-1	3-0	3-1
Batistuta	£340	£580	£520	£1520	£1020	
Ortega	£620	£1020	£920	£2520	£2020	

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CROATIA v ROMANIA						
Tonight, Bordeaux, Kick-off 8.30pm. Live on BBC						
6/4 Croatia 13/8 Romania 15/8 Draw						
First player to score	Croatia to win	1-0	2-0	2-1	3-0	3-1
Shearer	£580	£920	£920	£3020	£2520	
Anderton	£1220	£2020	£2020	£5520	£5020	
Beckham	£1220	£2020	£2020	£5520	£5020	

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Correct Score	ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	DRAW	Correct Score	ROMANIA	CROATIA	DRAW
1-0	1/4	1/4	1/4	1-0	1/4	1/4	1/4
2-0	2/5	1/4	1/4	2-0	2/5	1/4	1/4
3-0	1/2	1/4	1/4	3-0	1/2	1/4	1/4
3-1	1/2	1/4	1/4	2-1	1/2	1/4	1/4
3-2	1/2	1/4	1/4	3-1	1/2	1/4	1/4
3-3	1/2	1/4	1/4	3-2	1/2	1/4	1/4
4-0	1/2	1/4	1/4	3-3	1/2	1/4	1/4
4-1	1/2	1/4	1/4	4-0	1/2	1/4	1/4
4-2	1/2	1/4	1/4	4-1	1/2	1/4	1/4
4-3	1/2	1/4	1/4	4-2	1/2	1/4	1/4

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WORLD CUP 98

Davidson delivers orange aid

Time Shearer made a name for himself

The best music is out of the tournament and, if we are not careful, the World Cup may soon be lacking in another essential department. As the second round began, it was hard to take the loss of Bam Bam. El Matador and the Baby-faced Assassin all on one day.

David Powell looks at the variety of nicknames being given to players at France 98

song was sitting up to be taken. Gone also are The Gun-slinger (Stoichkov), Wild Boar (Wilmots), the Maroons of the Desert (Al-Owairan) and Tonto (Durie). Durie was known as Juke Box before Goram withdrew from the squad.



Scotland fans took to calling Durie 'Tonto' as he was the lone Ranger in the squad

At times, being at France 98 has been like an evening at Caesars Palace. Football, like boxing, has become obsessed with the sobriquet. The Chile teamsheet read Zamorano and Salas, but the indoctrinated mind thought Bam Bam and El Matador. Sad to lose them, but we could not have it both ways. If Bam Bam and El Matador were going to stay, it would mean farewell Phenomenon (Ronaldo), au revoir Animal (Edmunds). How will I feel tonight watching Croatia play Romania? Will it be so long Sukerman (Suker) or tears for The Cobra (Olise)?

on as a substitute, but was all Baby-face, no Assassin. Italy has Pinturicchio (Del Piero), Sciuscia (Moriero) and, depending on the form of Baggio, they take their pick from Coniglio Bagnato or Divino. So Del Piero is named after a famous Italian artist and Baggio is the Divine One, or a Wet Rabbit. Moriero is named after an Italian film about a boy shoe-shiner, having fallen at the feet of Ronaldo, his internazionale team-mate, and mimed a boot cleaning action after the Brazilian had scored a wonder goal. Vieri is making his name and perhaps, in time, his nickname. With five goals, Vieri woke yesterday as the tournament's leading scorer. He is not yet labelled clearly, though Bobo (after his dad) is being used as a stop-gap.

ing back, there is Sicknote Anderson, now out of date. Daringly, David Seaman apparently signs his autograph Safe Hands. All of which has the punch of a glass of Evian. After his performance against Colombia, could we not start by getting back to the habit of calling Ince The Guv'nor. And could we not go with FourFourTwo magazine on Owen? The Prodigy. Any resemblance to Keith Flint is purely imaginary. Admittedly, with Shearer, there is not the same raw material to work with as there was with Newcastle's other favourite son, Gazza. (or Fag on the Tyne). But surely we must apply ourselves now. Or are we going to wait for... um... Alan to hit a hat-trick in the final? Even then "Sir Geoff of the North" would be too much of a mouthful.

Table showing scores for Holland (2) vs Yugoslavia (1) with player names Bergkamp (57) and Komljenovic (49).

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA

IN THEIR planned route through the World Cup, Holland may have thought that this match might prove to be an open frontier. Instead they found themselves almost brought to a standstill while Yugoslavia made a painstaking examination of their credentials. It took a winner in injury time, driven in by Edgar Davids from 20 yards, for them to negotiate the barriers. The need for such drama was unexpected.



Bergkamp equals the Holland goalscoring record as he puts his team ahead against Yugoslavia last night

The World Cup may gather the best players of 32 nations but, despite a widespread excellence, it is no egalitarian society. The inequalities are enough to make a Marxist fume and a coach despair. The agreeable dilemmas of Guus Hiddink in picking a Holland team must glint like the facets of a jewel as he turns them over in his mind.

de Boer's long pass. His intelligence and movement are rightly acclaimed, but Bergkamp is also a powerful man. Mirkovic tried to halt him by clawing at the Arsenal player, but Bergkamp needed little more than a shrug to leave the defender on the ground before he turned to shoot home at the near post. It was his 35th goal for Holland and it equalled the record for the national team that was set by Faas Wilkes in the 1950s.

Stojkovic delivered it from the left in the 49th minute and Komljenovic, unmarked, headed vigorously into the net at the far post. Two minutes later, Stam, the Holland and Manchester United centre half, allowed his fingers to fasten onto Jugovic's jersey as they chased for possession. Although the contact barely checked the midfielder's momentum, the referee detected the offence and awarded a penalty. Mijatovic blasted it against the crossbar.

become essential. There was none of the choreography associated with the Dutch at their best, but Yugoslavia were forced back. Ronald de Boer bounded down the right after 66 minutes to outstrip Komljenovic and curl back a cross. With the defence cowering in upon Bergkamp, Coca was unmarked and appeared to take care over his diving header, and there was perplexity in the sight of the ball flashing wide.

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# German resilience pays dividends

A GAME that began almost tediously in the hot sunshine became more and more dramatic and unpredictable. At the death, Germany got away with it, but Mexico gave them a tremendous run for their money.



FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

Indeed, the decisive error was made in the 75th minute by the unfortunate Lara. As he met the right-wing cross from Babel, he deflected it clumsily into the path of Klinsmann, who pounced to score Germany's equaliser. It came, curiously enough, almost immediately after Germany had taken off their liveliest player, Hässler, and replaced him with an extra striker in Kirsten, 32, who was destined to do further damage.

The winning goal, almost inevitably, came from the most dangerous German marksman, Bierhoff, after 86 minutes, but he had something to make up for. After 40 minutes, a smooth move saw Hamann find Klinsmann who, in turn, served Hässler on the left. The in-swinging cross was excellent and Bierhoff should really have done a great deal better than to head it against the cross-bar.

By and large, in that first half, Germany had been territorially in the ascendancy. After 20 minutes, they might have scored when Bierhoff found Klinsmann from the right, only for Jorge Campos, the agile Mexico goalkeeper, to block bravely at his feet. Campos made a still finer save 18 minutes later when he flew through the air to save a fierce shot from Tarnat, who had been set up by Hamann.

But Mexico were always dangerous on the break, deploying three men up front until half-time, and even after that, when they brought Arellano on in midfield, fast counter-attacks were guaranteed. Not least by Arellano himself, who snatched up a careless German square pass after 18 minutes of the second half and set off on a glorious run that ended with a shot that Köpcke turned out the post. When the ball was returned by Blanco, Hernandez shot, but Köpcke, commendably, saved that, too.

Mexico had already taken the lead by then and a fine goal it was, scored a couple of minutes after the break by Hernandez, the player who could not win a place in the

Boca Juniors attack in Buenos Aires, but who has emerged as an undoubted World Cup star.

Towards the end of the first half, the blond-haired Hernandez had found Palencia, who dashed through, only for Köpcke to save with his legs. This time, however, receiving the ball from the eye-active Blanco, Hernandez roared

past Wörns and Tarnat to beat the goalkeeper.

It seemed then that Mexico might take revenge for being pitched out of the 1986 World Cup, on their own soil, by Germany on penalties, but some of the virtue went out of them after the anti-max of Germany's equaliser. Moreover, such was the extent of their extreme physical commitment that they were plainly beginning to tire. And as we know, heat or no heat, the German machine grinds on inexorably.

So it was, after 86 minutes, that Matthias, the 37-year-old Germany sweeper, found Kirsten out on the right. Over came the cross and, this time, there was no mistake from Bierhoff, who headed home.

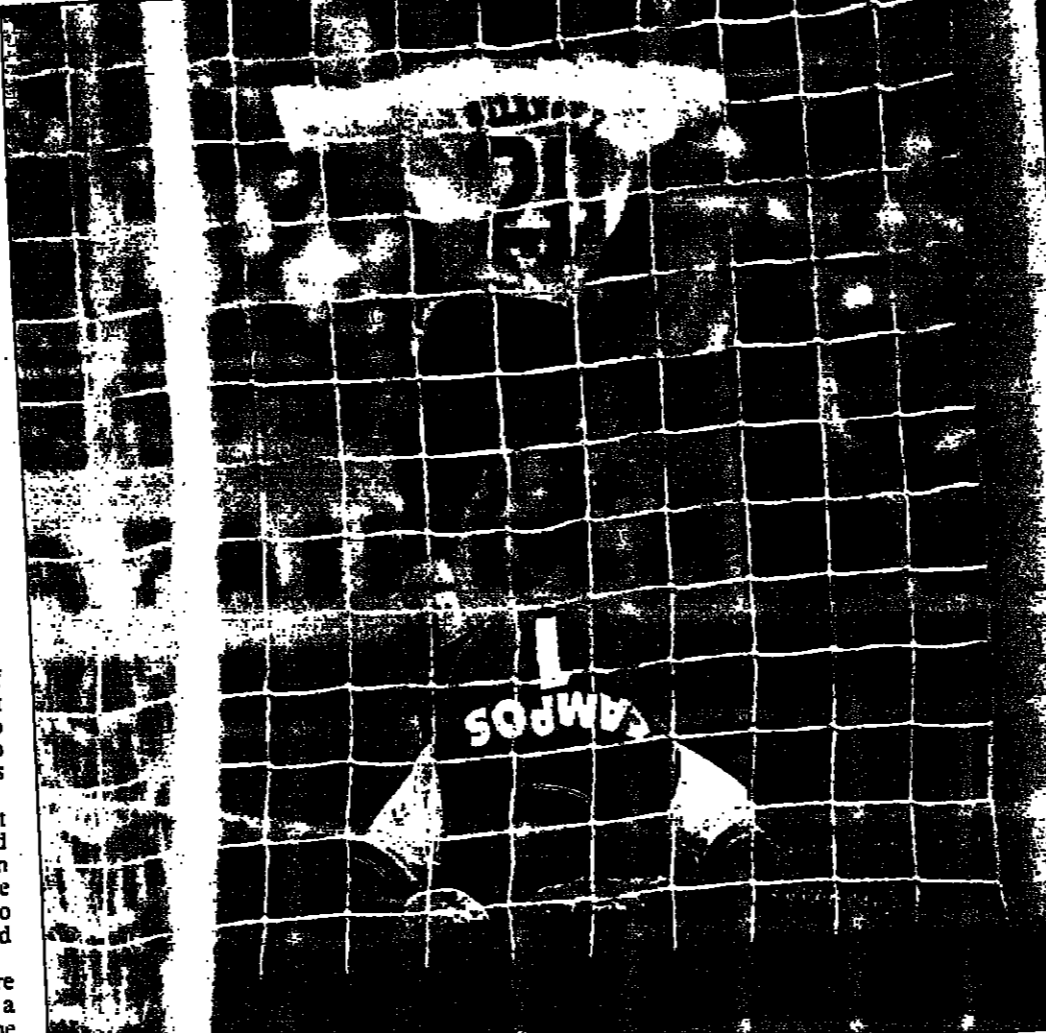
There was still time for more excitement, though. Campos held a long shot by Bierhoff and, at the other end, in injury time, a cross by Blanco was met by the head of Hernandez, but Köpcke caught the ball, and that was the end of Mexico's hopes.

So Germany move on, but it has been a particularly satisfying World Cup for Manuel Lapuente, the Mexico coach. Little or nothing was expected of him and his team when he belatedly took over for his second spell in charge. Aspiring to play brisk, incisive football, they might have gone farther in the tournament had it not been for that unhappy lapse by Lara.

**GERMANY (1-2-1-2)** A Köpcke (Netherlands) — L Mathäus (Bayern Munich) — C Wörns (Paris Saint-Germain), M Babel (Bayern Munich), J Seppel (Hamburg), D Bierhoff (Hamburg), M Hässler (Borussia Dortmund), D Tarnat (Bayern Munich), Borusa (Borussia Dortmund), D Hamann (Bayern Munich), T Hässler (Bayern Munich), C Zinge (AC Milan), M Tarnat (Bayern Munich) — AC Milan, 37mm, M Tarnat (Bayern Munich), Hässler (Borussia Dortmund), U Kirsten, Bayer Leverkusen, 74 — J Klinsmann (Tottenham Hotspur), O Bierhoff (AC Milan)

**MEXICO (1-4-2-1)** J Campos (Kluwer) — P Pardo (Chelsea), J Arellano (Real Madrid), A Garcia Aspe (America), M Servin (America), G Villa (America), R Lara (Montevideo), G Camacho (Toluca), R Lara (America), C Blanco (Necaxa) — L Hernandez (Necaxa), F Palencia (Cruz Azul), J Arellano, Guadalupe, 53

Referee: M Melo Pereira (Portugal)



Campos, the Mexico goalkeeper, is distraught as Bierhoff celebrates scoring Germany's winner

## Ageing legs are shaken and stirred

FROM MATT DICKINSON

IN SIX short words yesterday, Oliver Bierhoff seemed to capture the entire history of German football. "Mexico played well, but we won," the AC Milan striker said, and the rest of the world nodded in doleful acceptance. It should be written into the Fifa statutes the other team plays well, but Germany always win. They say time waits for no man, but it does for these Germans, an ageing, bickering side who should have been consigned to retirement by Luis Hernandez yesterday. Instead, they stagger relentlessly on, spoiling innocent hopes and dreams such as those of gallant Mexico. The Germans averaged 30 years old yesterday and for long periods, with the exception of Jürgen

Klinsmann and Oliver Bierhoff, they looked every bit their age. Lothar Mathäus, 37, laboured and Jürgen Kohler, 32, even broke down in the warm-up. Andreas Köpcke, still in goal at the age of 36, appears already to have a touch of the shakes, dropping a 40-yard shot. Nor do the Germans even like each other. Mathäus and Klinsmann, those ancient feuding partners, are said to have buried the hatchet, but only in each other's back, and the dropping of Olaf Thon in favour of Mathäus yesterday was against a backdrop of internal politics. Klinsmann, though, spoke of his team's enduring ability to unite

when it really matters. "This victory confirmed Germany's belief in ourselves," he said. "We play to our strengths and that is our fighting spirit. We keep going for 90 minutes. You have to be in great physical shape to do that in that heat." The goal from Mexico really shocked us, but we fought back. Even when we were losing I never lost trust and confidence. Then we scored and that really freaked the team, giving us energy and dynamism. We know we are not Brazil. We don't have that mentality." Klinsmann is being optimistic if he expects anyone to fear this side. Had Hernandez not shot weakly in the 61st minute, the Central Americans would have been 2-0 up and probably beyond catching.

# Schmeichel takes pride in keeping up appearances

FROM DAVID POWELL IN PARIS

NEVER mind the Hand of God, the hands of Peter Schmeichel are a big World Cup subject. At least they are in the mind of Bo Johansson, the Denmark coach. "Every time we have a good victory it is because Peter Schmeichel is available," Johansson said after Denmark had defeated Nigeria on Sunday to reach the quarter-finals for the first time. While the margin of victory was hardly flattering, the course of the match might have turned in the seventeenth minute when Denmark, 2-0 up and apparently cruising, almost gave away a sloppy goal. Schmeichel, though, clawed the ball away from Nwankwo Kanu's feet, his timing immaculate when a lesser goalkeeper might have conceded a penalty.

Denmark continued to play with flair, dominating with a mixture of organisation and style. Laced together by the elegance of Michael Laudrup, Denmark played so well that one could see them giving Brazil a hard time in Nantes on Friday. Brian Laudrup, playing alongside his brother behind Peter Moller in a 4-3-2-1 formation, also demonstrated



Schmeichel: record

exquisite ball skills. It was a performance of some force, made possible, Johansson said, by Schmeichel. "If Denmark is going to play the game like this, we need to have a goalkeeper of the standard of Peter," the coach said of his Manchester United custodian. This is Schmeichel's first World Cup and, at 34, his last, surely. He more than anybody got Denmark to France with heroics against Greece in a goalless draw in their last qualifying match. He marvels at Denmark, a nation of 5.2 million inhabitants against Brazil's 157 million. "For such a small country to play the best team in the world is such a great achievement," Schmeichel said. Schmeichel is now Denmark's most capped player, his 103 appearances surpassing the 102 achieved by Morten Olsen. Sunday was a night for records. As well as his personal landmark and Denmark progressing farther than ever, Ebbe Sand scored the fastest goal by a substitute, 16 seconds after entering the match. If there was a regret for Schmeichel it must have been that Denmark did not win a late penalty. "I am more than fed up with seeing '0 goals' next to my international appearances total," he said. A plan had been hatched. "Michael Laudrup and I have discussed it. If we are 3-0 or 4-0 up with a couple of minutes left and we are awarded a penalty, then I will take it." Somehow, getting into that position against Brazil seems unlikely. Even Michael Laudrup did not imagine that Denmark could play as well as they did against Nigeria. "It was incredible the way the team passed the ball around," he said. "Football can be a very strange game." Not for the first time. When Denmark won the European championship in 1992, they did so only after Yugoslavia had been excluded because of civil war and Denmark were invited to take their place. A £750,000 purchase from Brondby in 1991, Schmeichel represents one of English club football's shrewdest buys. One more win for Denmark and two for England, and the semi-final in Marseilles next Tuesday will be a club reunion with attitude, with Schmeichel possibly in opposition to his four United team-mates: Beckham, Scholes, Neville and Sheringham. But first Brazil, and Schmeichel had better leave himself a note to turn out the light when he goes to bed after the game. Recalling that Greece last qualifying match against France, he said: "It had been a long time since the adrenalin flowed like it did in that game, and, that night, I was knackered. I even went to sleep with the light on and it is years since that happened to me." The question is: will Denmark go out before the lights?

IN YESTERDAY'S Times the World Cup Fantasy League points list, which is updated after each phase of the tournament, did not include the latest points for all of last Friday's final "third phase" games. Correct scores are printed below:

Cd	Player	R	T
101	C Roa (Arg)	3	9
114	F Montenegro (Col)	-1	2
119	D Sonman (Eng)	3	5
132	Y Kawaguchi (Jap)	-1	-1
203	R Ayala (Arg)	3	9
204	J Zanetti (Arg)	1	7
205	P Paz (Arg)	3	3
229	W Cabrera (Col)	-1	2
230	J Hernandez (Col)	-1	2
241	A Adams (Eng)	3	5
242	G Neville (Eng)	3	2
243	G La Seux (Eng)	3	7
246	S Campbell (Eng)	3	5
274	M Inara (Jap)	-1	-1
290	G Popescu (Rom)	1	4
454	D Anderson (Eng)	3	3
456	D Beckham (Eng)	3	3
487	T Whitmore (Jam)	6	6
489	F Sampson (Jam)	2	2
548	A Sellimi (Tun)	2	2
675	V Moldovan (Rom)	3	6
676	A Mile (Rom)	2	5
706	M Nakayama (Jap)	3	3

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## Quasimodo has hunch for backing Romania

ROMANIA will have every assistance when they play Croatia in Bordeaux this afternoon. Priests, "bio-energy" experts, wizards, druids and a variety of other occult practitioners are giving their support. Since the World Cup started, the Holy Synod — the apex of the Romanian orthodox church — and many of the country's monasteries and nunneries have been praying for success. The bells of the principal church in Bucharest are also rung during matches. "The bells made us win, you know," Gheorghe Quasimodo said.

SHOULD an Argentina player, by use of a hand, divert the ball into the England net this evening — inadvertently, of course — William Hill, the bookmaker, will not be taking the compassionate view that it did in 1986, when Diego Maradona's grubby paw provoked such controversy and Hill generously paid out to punters who had bet on the draw. "It cost us a six-figure sum and was a response to the unprecedented sense of outrage," Graham Sharpe, the firm's spokesman, said. "Given the level of support for England this time, we might bankrupt ourselves if Argentina scored a disputed goal and we disallowed it."

NERDS of the world unite. Fifa's official World Cup website — www.fifa.org — logged a record 69 million hits last Friday. On the same day, it registered its billionth hit since it was opened on May 6 last year. Ten million Internet surfers, from 170 countries, have browsed the site.

JURGEN KLINSMANN, the Germany striker, believes football is becoming an elitist sport. "Fans have to pay three times the face value for a World Cup ticket, get one from a sponsor or become a journalist," he said. Is this the same Klinsmann who, reputedly, earned £1 million for his four-month stint with Tottenham Hotspur last season?

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WORLD CUP 98

Our golden hour is upon us



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Leaving Lens on Sunday night was like stumbling into a reconstruction of the Liberation. Children waved at the tooting cars, flags were waved in aerial figures of eight: if it had been South America, there'd have been fireworks. After one of the most gruelling matches of the tournament, the first World Cup golden goal had released France from the unthinkable fate of losing on penalties to Paraguay.

No wonder the place was en fête in such a big way. As I drove past in a taxi, I felt I should have been briskly trundling through town in an Allied tank, chucking cigarettes about and brandishing a map of Berlin.

Being in the right psychological shape counts for a lot in a tournament such as this, which is why I'm glad the French think they played better than they did on Sunday. This self-belief will stand them in good stead in their quarter-final against Italy, who have conversely not had such an easy time. True, Paraguay played a spoiling game against France, but it was painful to see Zidane-less France powerless to impose any different sort of game, or to have any different ideas.

Finding themselves confronted by a brick wall, they just kept charging at it with their heads down, hoping that it wouldn't be there next time. Their performance reminded me, in fact, of what it feels like to watch football for the very first time, when you say: "Hang on, why are there so few goals in football, when goals is what everyone is trying to achieve?"



A golden moment for Blanc, the France goalscorer, left, and Deschamps, but not for poor Ayala, of Paraguay

It seems so puzzling. All the effort, co-ordination and ingenuity of build-up appears to go for nothing at the last moment. It's like an automaton programmed to raise a spoonful of soup to its lips, which then flips it over its shoulder or drops it down its trousers.

"Vee he! got zee elbow moofe-mint perfect now," the happy inventor says, as he receives praise from all quarters. "Und zee zoop sit beautifully in zee spoon." He looks proudly at his invention, which sits soggly in a big puddle of consomme. "Eef only ve can get zis last down zee-jolly-old-hatch bit right, we will be laughing, no?"

Meanwhile, after stylishly guzzling two spoonfuls of cream of tomato on Friday, England couldn't be in better shape for tonight. They have

peaked at the right moment, thank the Lord, and confidence is high.

Whether the 2-0 win over Colombia on Friday was really a tremendous victory doesn't really matter. The point was that a weak opponent unlocked the joy and drama in the England team

mean, I'm sorry to say this but, six months ago when the groups were announced, people in football circles were hysterical with relief that we were drawn against such patient non-hoppers as Tunisia and Colombia.

Passers-by at Lancaster Gate were alarmed to hear the persistent chink of champagne glasses and the words "easy", "peasy" and "lemon squeey" banded about in- and out-side. But if you'd said "Argentina" to us then, we'd have said, "Cor blimey, it's a fair cop", and given up immediately.

It's what has happened in the difference. Fresh from the fabulous performance against Italy in Rome in October, England then entered its dread "experimental" period,

the football equivalent of the Dark Ages. For months, England were sent out bizarrely under-equipped, or hampered in new and inventive ways.

"Why?" we wailed, month after month. And now the plan is revealed in all its cruel simplicity. All those months of playing understrength was so that beating Colombia would look like a miracle! And then, with all the momentum of success (and goals!), playing Argentina wouldn't look like anything at all!

I have to mention, apropos the French goal on Sunday that, despite being aware of the golden-goal rules, I was still poleaxed with confusion when the match ended so abruptly. Managers ran on; the whistle blew; players in blue shirts collapsed from exhaustion and relief and I still didn't get it. "Look!" I said, pointing. "There's still six minutes to go! The golden goal is going to take a bit of getting used to, I fear."

On a personal note, I am beginning to regard the World Cup as a permanent way of life, and I wonder: is this dangerous? Having spent a couple of weeks wriggling on the hook of this bizarrely limited existence, I now lie awake worrying whether I'll survive at home unaided when it's over. Perhaps I will need counselling.

After all, this is the longest I've gone without filling a kettle, paying a bill or washing a cat-bowl. Sometimes, when consuming my latest ham-and-cheese baguette washed down with coffee, I dream of broccoli and green beans. Funny how you can usually have all the veg you want and have to play fantasy veg.

They have peaked at right moment, thank the Lord

and allowed them to hit their stride at last.

And the result is that England are now gung-ho about meeting Argentina (yes, Argentina!) when a week ago we were hanging our heads in worry about the bogey men from Bogota.

From any other perspective, this would look rather silly. I

TELEVISION CHOICE

Where are all the tigers?

Absolutely Animals Channel 4, 8.00pm

The animals magazine continues to be a mixture of hard-nosed reports on species under threat and gender excursions into what might be called Rolf Harris territory. The most substantial part of tonight's programme is the first of a series of pieces by the presenter, Wendy Turner, on the disappearing tiger. Fewer than 5,000 remain in the wild, compared with 100,000 at the turn of the century, and main reason is poaching. Despite an international convention which bans tiger trading, they continue to be killed in large numbers either for their skins or for bones and organs which are used in Chinese medicine. The lighter fare comes from a Jack Russell puppy who hates car journeys, a mother and son with 73 cats and a pensioner whose pet fox helps him in charity work.

Ground Force BBC2, 8.30pm

Alan Titchmarsh and his laugh-a-minute team return with another series of the garden make-over show, the horticultural equivalent of *Challenge Anneka*. Purists may snuff at the populist approach but the first series made such an impression that more than 6,000 people wrote in asking Titchmarsh and company to transform their gardens. They included a couple who wrote independently from the same house and it is their patch, a long and very narrow wasteland in the heart of Benjamin's Metroland, which features tonight. So while Graham (who is in the know) takes her partner Linzi (who is not) to Paris, Titchmarsh, the Hackney builder Tommy Walsh and the water garden specialist Charlie Dinnock set to work. They have £1,000 to spend and two days to do it... starting now.

Why Men Don't Iron Channel 4, 9.00pm

Women outnumber men at British universities and yet few of them will go to take the top jobs. Is it social prejudice or biology? Without trying to dismiss the theory completely, this programme argues that men and women perform differently at the workplace in part because they have different brain structures. Men have a



Why men forego ironing to concentrate on growing outside vegetables (C4, 9pm)

natural drive to compete, like to take risks and enjoy winning. Women prefer cooperation and do not like pushing others aside to get ahead. Men and women tend to go for different types of job. There are a few women engineers and few male nurses. So what of Carolyn Barram, who has made it in engineering, and Simon Green, a nurse? It seems that they only prove the point in that tests show them to have the brain organisation of the opposite sex.

Sex Life Channel 5, 9.50pm

"Modern mainstream" is Channel 5's marketing pitch but how much does it apply to the programmes? The people featured in this series happen to be modern but are they modern in the way that we think of them? Or does Channel 5 think that the mainstream has a voyeuristic interest in what happens at the margin? Judge for yourself as Vanessa Collingridge introduces more couples who aren't exactly Mr and Mrs Average. The question for Richard and Marianne, as they prepare to tie the knot, is whether they can stay faithful. As she is a former prostitute with many clients, and he has not been faithful, either, it is reasonable to ask. We meet Jenny, a member of a club for women whose partners cannot satisfy them, and David, whose sex addiction has cost him two marriages. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

England v Argentina Radio 5 Live

Talk Radio, 7.55pm-8pm

The real importance of this football match lies in the fact that it stands between England and a place in the World Cup quarter-finals. True, the game is given an edge by Maradona's "hand of God" goal in 1986 and indeed I find it somewhat encouraging that people are referring back to that little matter rather than the Falklands war four years earlier, in which Britain was led to victory by national coach Margaret Thatcher. National coach Glen Hoddie has resisted xenophobia in the build-up and any talk of revenge by Maradona's "hand of God" will not be his fault. The schedules on both 5 Live and Talk Radio will be thrown up in the air if extra time is needed. Prediction: England by two goals to one.

Voices: Rainbow Voices Radio 3, 4.00pm

Iain Burnside introduces a programme of songs written by men and women to celebrate who and what they are. I take the view that music should be universal, and therefore I am not especially enamoured of it being compartmentalised on the basis of the sexuality of the people who wrote it. Still, listening to the tape I was struck by the extraordinary range of music here, from a setting of A.E. Housman's *The Lady in Her Hundreds* to the Turtle Creek Chorus from *Dallas*. There's a big, uplifting sound that is performed by the programme's stars, only one of a growing number of say-choirs. Other featured music includes that of Tchaikovsky, Britten, Purcell and, of course, Village People's anthem, YMCA. Peter Burnard

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6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Wimbledon and World Cup 98. Action from the women's quarter-finals, as well as commentary from Bordeaux on a second-phase game 7.55 World Cup 98. Ian Payne hosts the final second-phase game in St Etienne between the winners of Group H and the runners-up in Group G 11.00 Late Night Live. Comment on the day's big issues, with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 Heritage 8.00 News 8.15 Of The Shelf 8.30 Welcome to my World 8.45 The Lab 9.00 News, (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Song of Home 10.20 Show Train 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Heritage 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Sports Roundup 2.00 News 2.05 World Cup 2.10 News 2.15 World Business Report 2.30 News 2.45 World Business Report 3.00 News 3.05 News 3.10 News 3.15 News 3.20 News 3.25 News 3.30 News 3.35 News 3.40 News 3.45 News 3.50 News 3.55 News 4.00 News 4.05 News 4.10 News 4.15 News 4.20 News 4.25 News 4.30 News 4.35 News 4.40 News 4.45 News 4.50 News 4.55 News 5.00 News 5.05 News 5.10 News 5.15 News 5.20 News 5.25 News 5.30 News 5.35 News 5.40 News 5.45 News 5.50 News 5.55 News 6.00 News 6.05 News 6.10 News 6.15 News 6.20 News 6.25 News 6.30 News 6.35 News 6.40 News 6.45 News 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# BBC game show fails to meet the challenge

You can't say that Tony Blair and Gordon Brown aren't trying their hardest to conjure up new incentives to get the unemployed off the dole and back into work. Their latest is a new daily programme on BBC1 called *Meet The Challenge*, an innovative series designed to plunge you into such despair that you quickly reach a point where you take a long honest look at your life and admit that "Any job would be more fulfilling than staying at home and watching this show every morning. Even becoming a Labour Party spin doctor would give me a greater sense of self-respect." Wouldn't it be fascinating to know who dreams up shows like this? Maybe "fascinating" is not the right word. "Depressing" is the right word.

Two contestants are given tasks to do after seeing them performed by an expert. A designer stuck some stripes of fake lead tape on to

a small pane of glass, painted in a couple of the resulting diamonds, and pretended that someone might want to hang this "stained-glass window" in their sitting room. A hairdresser showed the contestants how to put the final couple of curls in a 1940s hairstyle. Another designer showed how to paint clouds on a child's bedroom ceiling.

It was like *The Generation Game* for people who haven't yet mastered joined-up thinking. The two contestants did their best to play along with the pretence that they were so excited by the proceedings that if you pricked them they would squirt out adrenalin like a fountain. Even the presenter, Debbie Flint, looked embarrassed as she intoned the *Meet The Challenge* mantra of "The show that shows you how!" though she never actually said "The show that shows you how to make a stained-glass window

you'd be too embarrassed even to give away to your local charity shop." It can't be long before Trevor McDonald introduces *News At Ten* as "The show that shows you what," and Jeremy Paxman tells us that *Newsnight* is "The show that shows you why," and *Crimewatch* becomes "The show that shows you where, what and how, but can't yet tell you who. So do please call."

Of course, "The show that shows you where" is *The Travel Show* (BBC2), although that's often about all that Juliet Morris does show you. Last night she was in the Caribbean, Jamaica? Not me, but I think someone else probably did, because she didn't seem all that keen to be there. But it was a big change from last week, when it was Almaty, Kazakhstan, in which she didn't seem keen to find herself. If Juliet Morris ever found

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herself being one of the suspects sought on *Crimewatch*, it would be because she'd left her tell-tale signature on the attacked body; it's never a brutal knockout blow with Morris, but dozens of neat little snips that cumulatively do her victim. "Almaty is not very beautiful, but it feels very real," she told us last week, snip-snipping away. "Basically, if you want to do something different, then give it a

go." And Jamaica? "It definitely has an attitude. Now, that's not necessarily a bad thing" - I love that "not necessarily, don't you?" - "but it can appear aggressive and, therefore, feel a bit intimidating. Having said that, it doesn't feel, or it certainly hasn't felt to me, sinister in this area and there's not been a reason to lock myself in a resort." This is presumably code for "if you can arrange to travel with a burly film crew and powerful camera lights that make the intimidating locals keep their distance, then there's every chance that you won't find it sinister here either. Otherwise there might well be a reason to lock yourself in a nearby resort."

Heaven knows what the people who organised *The Berlin Airlift* (Channel 4) would have thought of the nail-biting "challenge" of painting clouds on a bedroom ceiling or blow-drying a model's hair. The story of the Berlin Airlift

is hardly unknown. But then nor is the story of Goldilocks. It's all in the telling, and Marion Milne's film last night for Channel 4's *Secret History* series told the story with a blend of archive film and eyewitness accounts that not only brought the period alive but also underlined how easily the stand-off between Stalin and the Allies over getting supplies into divided Berlin could have turned the Cold War into something unpleasantly hotter.

She also shone shafts of light on to corners of human kindness and sacrifice. There was Colonel Gail Halvorsen of the US Air Force, nicknamed "The Candy Bomber" because he would drop candy parcels out of the plane window to the children of Berlin. But there was also Wolfgang Szumel, then a schoolboy, who recalled - still taut with anguish - how prostitution was

the surest way of securing food, how the family that did not have a young woman in it was at a disadvantage. My mother, she had to make these terrible decisions and go out and sell herself for a period of time to a man who would then give us some butter, and some eggs, and some potatoes and some things to eat for her children."

Paradoxically, the double agent Donald MacLean, who was at the British Embassy in Washington, was passing information to the KGB about how America had stationed B29 "atomic" bombers in East Anglia and would not back down - information that finally persuaded Moscow not to tempt fate over its blockade of Berlin. As one of MacLean's embassy colleagues noted, MacLean "was worth a squadron of B29s to us". Maybe MacLean was a triple agent, working for us after all. Now that is what you call a tough challenge.

- BBC1**
- 6.00am Business Breakfast (1939108)
  - 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (16837)
  - 9.00 All Over the Shop (1) (1587214)
  - 9.20 Kitchen (1) (1378030)
  - 10.00 Meet The Challenge Game Show (2375047)
  - 10.25 Style Challenge Classics: Completion of highlights from the magazine series, focusing on animal careers (2973834)
  - 10.55 Short Changes (4537082)
  - 11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (2827059)
  - 11.05 Around the World in 80 Days: Michael Palin continues his race around the globe, but a missed connection between Saudi Arabia and India puts him at least seven days behind Phileas Fogg - will he be able to make up the difference? (1) (1444189)
  - 11.55 News (T) and weather (19489547)
  - 12.00 Every Second Counts (1) (19363)
  - 12.30pm Neighbours (1) (5742108)
  - 12.55 Turning Points (1) (48664214)
  - 1.00 News (T) and weather (19924)
  - 1.30 Regional News (T) (8799418)
  - 1.40 Wimbledon '98 The women's singles quarter-finals (80186479)
  - 3.15 World Cup '98 Live: The winners of group G: Romania meet the runners-up in group H: Croatia at the Parc Lescure in Bordeaux. (Kick-off 3.30pm) (1) (86959740)
- NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration**
- 5.35 Neighbours (1) (1) (341568)
  - 6.00 News (T) and weather (301)
  - 6.30 Regional News (8523)
  - 7.00 Summer Holiday Karyn; Switzerland's Lake Geneva, the Norfolk Broads; and the Greek Island of Zakynthos (1) (4789)
  - 7.30 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook: New series. The actress Lynda Bellingham and antique expert Eric Knowles challenge chefs Ainsley Harriott and Ross Burden (1) (837)
  - 8.00 The Money Pit (1986) Tom Hanks and Shelley Long star in a comedy about a yuppie couple who buy a ramshackle old house and set about renovating it, only to see their dream home turn into a nightmare. Directed by Richard Benjamin (1) (55301)
  - 9.30 One Foot in the Grave: Richard Wilson goes solo in this special episode which sees Victor awaiting a call to jury service (1) (58740)
  - 10.00 News (T) regional news and weather (10082)
  - 10.30 Inside Story: Road Rage (1) (1) (92382)
  - 11.20 World Cup '98 - Match of the Day: Highlights from today's second round match (1) (119314)
  - 12.00am Take the Money and Run (1968) Woody Allen's first film as both director and star, with Janet Margolin and Marcel Hillaire. Farcical, episodic comedy about a compulsive thief who promises to go straight after marrying (1) (846178)
  - 1.45 Weather (803888)
  - 1.50 BBC News 24
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- BBC2**
- 6.10am Jazz, Rega and Synthesizers (7444108) 6.35 Max Ernst and the Surrealist Revolution (2417924)
  - 7.00 Teletubbies (1) (2581788) 7.25 Goober and the Ghost Chasers (1) (4832214)
  - 7.45 Get Your Own Back (1) (39943) 8.15 The Kwaky Koala Show (1) (7797301)
  - 8.35 The Record (4857092)
  - 9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon: Highlights with Sue Barker (7653)
  - 10.00 Teletubbies (1) (2581788) 10.30 The History Man (8134769)
  - 10.35 Rock, Rock, Rock (b/w, 1967) Music showcases, with Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, Alan Freed and Tuesday Weld. Directed by Will Price (1) (6328160)
  - 12.00 Wimbledon '98: Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce the women's singles quarter-finals (7336088)
  - 2.45pm Westminster with Diana Madiell (1) (9321721)
  - 3.10 News (T) regional news and weather (9660180)
  - 3.15 Wimbledon '98: Sue Barker and Steve Rider introduce further coverage of the best of the action on women's singles quarter-finals day at the All-England Club (16056380)
- 3.30 The gardening crew: Tichmarsh, Dimmock and Walsh (8.30pm)**
- 3.30 Ground Force: See Critic's Choice.** Alan Tichmarsh and his team of experts: Charlie Dimmock and Tommy Walsh set about transforming a narrow plot into a series of stylish garden rooms (1) (7586)
- 9.00 I'm Alan Partridge: Last in series (1) (1) (1030)**
- 9.30 Today at Wimbledon:** Sue Barker rounds-up the day's action as the women play for a place in the quarter-finals 's (1) (36834)
- 10.28 Video Nation: Caribbean Shorts (1) (187653)**
- 10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (1) (864547)**
- 11.15 Made in Manchester: Karaoke hairdressers and the gay Mardi Gras (72556)**
- 11.45 Lost in France:** The Rudds continue their continental tour, despite the Craig's sailing business saga. Football saga, starring Gillian Taylor (204011)
- 11.55 Weather (108498)**
- 12.00 The Midnight Hour (81081)**
- 12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Designer Riddles (1) (724681) 1.00 Advertisers: Computers in the Arts (88401) 1.30 Software Surgery (40739) 2.00 Body Matters: Electricity, Magnetism and the Body (64130) 3.00 Nuts and Bolts of the Mind (37159) 4.00 World Cup French (83062) 5.00 Business and Training: Career Moves (15029) 6.00 Open University: Going Through a Phase (75488)**

- HTV**
- 6.00am GMTV (1924278)
  - 9.25 This Morning (1) (4988092)
  - 9.30 Vanessa (1) (1422740)
  - 10.10 This Morning (1) (4988092)
  - 12.15pm Regional News (1690479)
  - 12.30 News (T) and weather (83672)
  - 1.00 Shortland Street (99932)
  - 1.30 Home and Away (1) (82943)
  - 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show: Confrontational chat (1) (4232721)
  - 2.45 Supermarket Sweep. Hosted by Dale Winton (1) (1) (574856)
  - 3.15 News (9686585)
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  - 3.25 Potamus Park (1) (9688721) 3.35 Jamboree (8528924) 3.45 Rocky and the Dodos (850160) 4.00 Dastardly and Muttley in Their Flying Machines (1) (2849721) 4.15 Extreme Ghostbusters (1) (1) (5524479) 4.40 Animal Ark (1) (8376740)
  - 5.10 WALES: House to House (1) (1) (322585)
  - 5.10 Purchase People (1) (3623585)
  - 5.40 News (T) and weather (21716)
  - 6.00 Home and Away (1) (1) (650127)
  - 6.25 Regional Weather (288295)
  - 6.30 Regional News (721)
  - 7.00 Emmerdale: Steve refuses to name his attackers (1) (8837)
  - 7.30 World Cup '98 Live: Bob Wilson presents coverage from St-Etienne as the winners of group H: Argentina meet the runners-up in group G: England (1) (865039)
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- 10.00 News (T) and weather (20380)
  - 10.30 Regional News (1) (937547)
- Comic asides with Baddiel, Skinner and the team (10.40pm)**
- 10.40 Fantasy World Cup:** Live comic observations with Frank Skinner and David Baddiel with guest Iain Nester (142837)
- 11.15 Open Eye: The Awakening (1991) with Ovee Grant, Michael Woods and Michael Leamer.** A young couple who are unable to have children adopt a baby girl, but as she grows up they begin to suspect dark forces are at play. Directed by Dominique Othenin-Girard (1) (882324)
- 11.00am World Cup '98:** Highlights of today's second-round games: Romania v Croatia; and Argentina v England (54294)
- 2.30 Fantasy World Cup (1) (8672975)**
- 3.25 Best of British Motor Sport: The MGF cup drivers in action (1) (9143975)**
- 3.55 ITV Sports Classics (35911158)**
- 4.20 Sound Bites (8022784)**
- 4.30 ITV Nightscreen (88371)**
- 5.30 News (96536)**

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- As HTV West except:
  - 1.00pm A Country Practice (99932)
  - 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5113672)
  - 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3823585)
  - 6.25-7.00 Central News (831721)
  - 3.25pm Best of British Motor Sport (19143975)
  - 4.20 Central Jobfinder '98 (8437333)
  - 5.20 Asian Eye (820401)
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- 12.15pm Westcountry News (1690479)
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  - 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (48363)
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  - 1.00-1.30 Hope and Gloria (99932)
  - 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3823585)
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- 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49437)
  - 9.00 FILM: King Solomon's Mines (592872)
  - 10.25 Fruity Stories (4384160)
  - 11.00 Baby Baby (3634)
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  - 12.00 Montel Williams (35301)
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  - 1.00 Slot Meltwin (14850634)
  - 1.15 Derp Dog (25123295)
  - 1.25 FILM: Dentist in the Chair (36113214)
  - 3.00 Screaming Reels (5498)
  - 3.30 Watercolour Challenge (127)
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  - 9.30 The Tourist Trap (41450)
  - 10.00 Brookside (713198)
  - 10.35 Euroballs '98: Spain (839160)
  - 11.05 Cybill (365301)
  - 11.35 Spin City (770479)
  - 12.05am Jazz Heroes (8254401)
  - 12.35 A Tale of Two Fans (2883772)
  - 12.50 Under the Moon: World Cup Special (522730)
  - 2.40 Dhwedd (8084197)

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- 6.00am Sesame Street (1) (39363)
  - 7.00 The Big Breakfast (1) (49437)
  - 9.00 King Solomon's Mines (1938,b/w) Adaptation of Haggard's classic African adventure of the search for the fabled diamond mines, starring Cedric Hardwicke. Directed by Robert Stevenson (1) (6598372)
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  - 12.30pm Light Lunch: Chef Bruno Loubet rustles up lunch for athletes Kelly Holmes and Denise Lewis (1) (1) (46160) 1.30 Collectors' Lot: Popular collectables (14564498)
  - 1.55 West the Day Well? (1942, b/w) with Leslie Banks and Elizabeth Allan
  - 2.00 Warline: Propaganda thriller based on a story by Graham Greene about the inhabitants of an English village. Directed by Alberto Cavalcanti (80170672)
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  - 6.00 Roseanne (1) (1) (951)
  - 6.30 Home Improvement (1) (363)
  - 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (3127)
- Eric Fosselner raises money with the help of his pet fox (8.00pm)**
- 8.00 Absolutely Animals: See Critic's Choice. (2/3) Wendy Turner investigates the worldwide illegal trade in tiger products (1) (8127) 8.30 Brookside: Greg and Margi find out about Kathie's abortion (1) (5834)
  - 9.00 Why Men Don't Iron: The Brain At Work (2/3) See Pick of the Day. How biology plays a role in men's drive to succeed more than it does for women (1) (2011)
  - 10.00 Euroballs '98: Spain: Antoine De Caunes examines customs and meets Spanish Peco Rabanne (1) (86300)
  - 10.30 Friends (1) (144235)
  - 11.05 Trop Bala: Pour Toll (1989) Dark comedy with Gérard Philipe and Carole Bouquet. A businessman risks everything for a new and plain secretary to the firm. Directed by Bertrand Blier. In French with English subtitles (522289)
  - 12.50am Under the Moon: World Cup Special Will England be celebrating tonight and victory? (522739)
  - 2.40 Autoarts (1/3) Car dreams and fantasies (1) (1) (867433)
  - 3.15 Perfidy of Adjustment (1962, b/w) Comedy, based on a Tennessee Williams play, with Jane Fonda and Jim Hutton, Lois Nettleton and Tony Franciosa. Directed by George Roy Hill (868062)
  - 5.15-6.00 Heroes or Villains (81268)

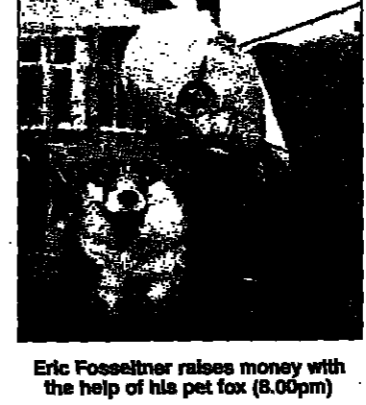
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  - 7.00 WorldWide (1) (1) (8985943) 7.30 Milkshake! (868160) 7.55 The News (4021263) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (1) (4020834) 9.00 Animal Outposts (1) (4042414)
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  - 2.30 Open House with Gloria Hunniford with the novelist Fay Weldon and American chef Randy Ellis (9087498)
  - 3.30 Seminole (1953) with Rock Hudson, Anthony Quinn and Barbara Hale. Drama based on a true story about a West Point graduate struggling with his conscience when asked to clear an area of Seminole Indians. Directed by Budd Boetticher (8278837)
  - 5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show (1905586)
  - 6.00 100 Per Cent (1) (7121081)
  - 6.30 Family Affairs (1) (7028473)
  - 7.00 5 News (4118491)
  - 7.30 Woodland Tales: The life of the nuthatch, which makes its home in discarded woodpecker holes (1) (1628437)
  - 8.00 Trasherous Beauties (174) with Emma Samms, Catherine Oxenberg, Bruce Green and Tippi Hedren. A photojournalist investigates the mysterious circumstances surrounding her brother's death. Directed by Charles Jarrold (3737092)
  - 9.50 Sex Lites: Sex For Fun (2/3) Vanessa Collingridge investigates society's changing attitudes towards sex (8018276)
  - 10.40 The Jack Docherty Show (8228487)
  - 11.20 La Femme Nikita (1) (4456470)
  - 12.15am Live and Dangerous: Featuring Australian rules football at 12.35 and AMA supercross motor sport action at 1.50 (9500159)
  - 3.45 Asian Football Show (7866159)
  - 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (1822994)
  - 5.30 100 Per Cent (1) (8231604)



The gardening crew: Tichmarsh, Dimmock and Walsh (8.30pm)



Comic asides with Baddiel, Skinner and the team (10.40pm)



Eric Fosselner raises money with the help of his pet fox (8.00pm)



Vanessa Collingridge explores sexual liberation and addiction (9.50pm)

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### Spence seeks to put Jockey Club on new footing



TUESDAY JUNE 30 1998

## Hoddle's faith shared by his players as hostilities resume with Argentina

# England calm before the storm

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN ST-ETIENNE

HE HAS said from the start that he and his squad perform best when their backs are against the wall, when the stakes are high and the opposition is top-class. Last night, as he contemplated the game against Argentina today that will either light a blue touchpaper under England's attempt to win the World Cup or consign them to an early plane home, Glenn Hoddle set the right example.

On a stage in a marquee next to the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard, the England coach looked more relaxed than at any time since England arrived in France three weeks ago. The tension that has creased his face with frowns had gone, the gracelessness that has poisoned many of his words had drained away. He even found it in himself to give some overdue praise to David Beckham.

Later, he chatted briefly with the media who had clustered around him and spoke of the quiet moment he will seek to collect his thoughts before the biggest match of his coaching career. "It is something I do to calm the mind," he said. "It is important to look at things in a positive way."

This, after all, is the game that has everything, the biggest match England have taken part in for eight years, a contest that will be so fraught with tension it will be unbearable. If the country never really believed that England would lose to Colombia, the foreboding tonight will be real and ever-present.

After so much expectation, so much planning and agonising, the ex-cis of Paul Gascoigne and the momentum of Michael Owen, the safety net of the group games has gone and it is all down to 90 minutes against a nation that has come to be regarded by some as the enemy, both because of the Falklands conflict and the unpunished gamesmanship that was Diego Maradona's handied goal in the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals.

For some, even the "feel-good" factor that has washed so happily over English football and reinvigorated the

domestic league is at risk tonight. A second-round exit is not quite what England's legions of football neophytes might have had in mind when they imagined the glories that lay ahead.

For many critics and observers, it has been hard to avoid being negative about England's chances in the run-up to their meeting with the South Americans here tonight. Argentina, brimming with the sublime attacking talents of Gabriel Batistuta and Ariel Ortega, have been tipped by many to win the World Cup. To the neutrals, they represent the end of the line for this England.

But if Hoddle has achieved one thing with his team, it has been to transmit his own

### TEAMS

ENGLAND (probable): 3-4-1-2: 1 D Seaman - 12 G Neville, 5 A Adams, 23 Campbell - 14 D Anderson, 7 D Beckham, 4 P Ince, 3 G Le Saout - 16 P Scholes - 20 M Owen, 9 A Shearer

ARGENTINA (probable): 3-3-2-2: 1 R Cantoro - 14 N Vivas, 2 P Ayala, 8 Sensi - 22 J Zanetti, 5 M Almeyda, 8 D Simeone - 11 J Veron, 10 A Ortega - 9 G Batistuta, 7 C Lopez.

Referee: K Nielsen (Denmark).

COVERAGE: Television: ITV (from 7.30pm, live); Eurosport (from 10pm, delayed); Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live (from 7.55pm); Talk Radio (from 8pm); Kick-off: 8pm.

supreme confidence to his players, to convince them that they are capable of winning the World Cup, that they need fear nobody - and certainly not the successors to Maradona. Many of the squad have set targets well beyond the match tonight as minimum requirements.

Hoddle appears to have nurtured that burgeoning confidence by resisting the temptation to make a single change to the team that swept Colombia aside so refreshingly last Friday. He has answered the prayers of all those who revelled in that victory, and the vibrancy and the youthful optimism that the players showed, by sending them out to do the same again.

The opposition is of a far higher calibre this time, of course, a team that beat Brazil in Rio de Janeiro a couple of

months before the World Cup began and served notice that they would be a real threat to the projected domination of their neighbours. They may even be more accomplished, more rounded, than England, but the team that Hoddle has picked ensures that there is at least a chance of an upset.

It is a team that will take the game to the opposition, a team that may indeed be undone by Argentina's rapier counter-attacks, but that will not suffer as Bobby Robson's side did in Mexico in 1986 by being too cautious until the Hand of God and the feet of Maradona ended their interest in that World Cup.

It will be a match full of fascinating contests, not least that between Alan Shearer and Owen and the Argentina sweeper, Roberto Ayala. For Owen, the challenge will be to circumnavigate a spare man who will be able to cope with his speed by standing off him. For Shearer, the test is whether he can reassert himself as England's spearhead against a defence that has not conceded a goal for eight games.

In midfield, Paul Ince will have to try to stop Ortega feeding any of his delightful passes through to the lethal Batistuta, and, on the right side of defence, Gary Neville, who seems to have withstood the challenge of the fit-again Gareth Southgate, may find himself operating more as a conventional right back to combat the incursions of Claudio Lopez.

The key once more, though, may lie in the graceful frame and elegant passing of David Beckham, the Manchester United midfielder, whose tournament started in the despair of being dropped but has come alive in the delight and relief of rehabilitation. If he can escape the attentions of Juan Veron, England will constitute a real threat.

"We have already taken a lot on the chin in this World Cup," Hoddle said before he left, "but the English are good at bouncing back." After 1986 and the reputation for excellence that has preceded this Argentina team, it is not so much a bounce as a leap of faith that is required here. England are capable of making it.

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Beckham, who is set to be England's most potent weapon tonight, trains under the St-Etienne sunshine yesterday

## Henman captures hearts in dismissal of Rafter

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

TIM HENMAN set aside a series of poor performances to reach the quarter-finals at Wimbledon yesterday when he dismissed Pat Rafter, the US Open champion, with total authority.

Henman's triumph marked the third successive occasion that he has advanced to the last eight. The match was billed as one between two heart-throbs but Henman, the British No 2, cornered all the support on Centre Court in his 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

"That was one of my best victories, if not the best," Henman, seeded No 12, said. "To walk out on a court as full as that gives you a buzz."

Early in the fourth set, Rafter required on-court treatment for a back condition. However, he refused to use it as a reason for his defeat and



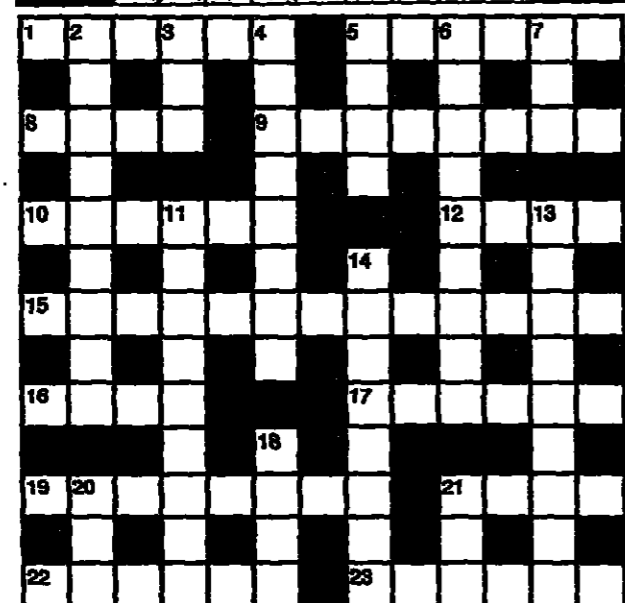
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spoke favourably of Henman's prospects against Petr Korda tomorrow. "There is no reason why Tim can't win," Rafter said. "He's got the ability and Pete [Korda] can have some horrors."

Korda, seeded no 3, badly stretched the Achilles tendon in his left leg in winning his fourth-round match yesterday. He limped from the court but said after receiving treatment: "It is much better now than in the match. If it is nice weather, I will be on the court against Henman."

In the women's event, Samantha Smith's excellent run was ended by Nathalie Tauziat, of France, who won their fourth-round match in straight sets. Smith, the first British woman to reach the fourth round for 13 years, is expected to rise into the top 60 when the world rankings are updated on Monday.

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  - 11 Cheap-drink time (5,4)
  - 13 Coward; open space for gathering (9)
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## Now is the time for our luck to change on the big occasion

I was at Farnworth Cricket Club near Manchester when we lost to Argentina in 1986. I was playing in a match there and I can remember being angry and disappointed like everybody else when we realised that Maradona had handled the ball into the net. That sort of thing is hard to take when you are 11 years old.

The only thing that made it easier for me was that my first allegiance was always to Manchester United. I don't know if that's just a northern thing and whether people from the South support England at an earlier age, but the biggest disappointments I can remember were always associated with United.

Because Liverpool were winning everything back then, most of the other lads at my school supported them and I was always having to try to convince them that United were still a bigger, better club. Then, United always just failed to finish above Liverpool in the league and that was always the most bitter pill to take.

Even so, I think there will be an extra edge to the games of every one of the England players going into the match with Argentina tonight. As a footballer, you do go into games either for your club or your country with the feeling that you might owe a team one. At United, we always say "it must be our turn to get a result at Southampton this year."

With England, I think we have all got a bit sick of losing to the same teams. We are fed



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up with losing to the Germans and we know we have got something to put right against the Argentinians, too. We want to put one over on them.

It is no good just getting close to them or almost beating them. If you lose on penalties, you might as well have been beaten 3-0. It is the same with United. We have got to be the quarter-finals and the semi-finals of the European Cup but we have never gone all the way.

We have to get into the habit of making our own luck. It is about time we started winning a couple of these games on penalties. It could be the difference between going out in the second round and winning the World Cup.

Sometimes, there is an element of luck involved, which way the goalkeeper dives or

which side a lad places his penalty kick, but somehow England always seem to fall at the final hurdle and it is always the Italians and the Germans who scrape through and go on to win things. We never seem to get that bit of luck, that penalty that goes for us or the decision that goes against someone else.

This time, one way or another, we have got to avoid that.

This is far from being our final obstacle, anyway. We have made it harder for ourselves by being in the top half of the draw and we are going to have to play some very good teams if we are to progress. But we will be extremely disappointed if we do not go farther. Nothing less than the final was our aim when we came out here and nothing

'Almost beating them is not enough'

has changed to alter that target in our minds.

If there are penalties in our game - and I have always thought there would be in at least one of the second round matches - then I don't think I will be involved anyway, certainly not among the first five. People talk about how it should just be those who fancy taking a penalty that should be nominated, but I have always had a different view.

I think that whoever logic says has the best chance of scoring should take them. So if there is somebody who takes them for their club or if there is someone who is a natural finisher, a goalscorer, then they know what it is like to hit the back of the net, they have got the scoring instinct and they should be at the front of the queue.

As far as Argentina go, we are confident that we can beat them. We have got a lot of respect for them and I am looking forward to seeing Batistuta play after all the times he has been linked with United. I have never seen him play before but he must be doing something right to have been so successful for such a long period of time.

There is no point talking about revenge just yet. The only way we can do that is by beating them. We have got to go out and win the game. Talking about it is dangerous. Doing it is what matters and when we go out there tonight, whether it is with a goal in the first minute or with the eighth penalty in the shoot-out, we have to beat them.

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